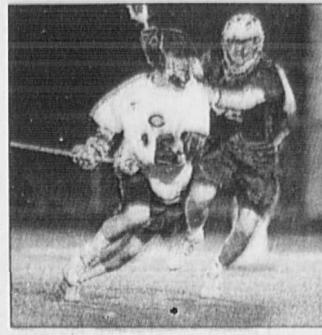




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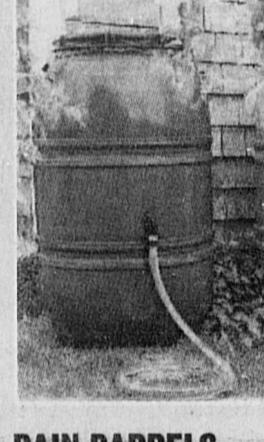
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# Multiple choices for test-taking

## Spreading the word about opting out

By Amanda C. Thompson  
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Given a choice between the MCAS and PARCC standardized tests, an increasing number of parents, students, and educators would rather opt for "C: None of the above."

"We have to step up and

make a stand against what is being inflicted against our students," said Cohasset teacher Bob Erlandsen. "These tests don't measure success, and the cost is a generation of some of our most innovative thinkers."

According to the Massachusetts Teachers Association, "The overuse of these tests consumes valuable classroom time, leads to a narrowing of the curriculum and diminishes the joy of learning."

The association has assembled a "Parents' Guide

to Opting Out of State Standardized Tests," demonstrating that refusing to take the tests will have no negative impact on a child's grades or academic standing. It's not illegal. It doesn't cost the district money or affect its rankings.

What it *does* do is protect the child from unnecessary and fruitless anxiety. And it *does* send a message that could help improve the educational experience for all students.

SEE TEST, A9

## SNAPSHOT:

■ MCAS: The Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System is designed to meet the requirements of the Education Reform Law of 1993. This law specifies that the testing program must test all public school students in Massachusetts and measure performance based on the Massachusetts Curriculum Framework learning standards.

■ PARCC: Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers is a group of states working together to develop a modern assessment that replaces previous state standardized tests. It provides better information for teachers and parents to identify where a student needs help, or is excelling, so they are able to enhance instruction to meet individual student needs.

Source: Mass. Dept. of Education.

## SCHOOL NEWS

# Principal always had some fun

## Osgood's Bob LeCount to retire this year

By Amanda C. Thompson  
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Raindrops on roses in the Osgood School garden. Peace signs and paintings in the first-graders' hallway. Brown paper fish swimming down the brick wall: these are a few of his favorite things.

Add to that list playing chess with a six-year-old, propping his office door wide open, and working for 15 years in a community that has blown him away with its kindness and resilience time and again. These are the things Principal Robert LeCount will look back on fondly after he retires June 30th.

"I can't believe I'm retiring," said LeCount. "I'm sad to be leaving this community. I fell in love with it and really considered this part of my career a gift."

LeCount spent the first part of his career as a child protective worker. He began his tenure in Cohasset as an adjustment counselor, a role he filled for 11 years. Both jobs were driven by a single factor: LeCount, an only child in a dysfunctional family, had kind of a crummy childhood.

"I used to wonder how I would make the world a better place," LeCount said of his early teenage years. "I



Osgood School Principal Bob LeCount has announced his plans to retire this year. WICKED LOCAL PHOTO / CHRIS BERNSTEIN

## STATE DEP

# Water overdo

New withdrawal limit disputed

By Amanda C. Thompson  
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A closer look at the inner workings of the Water Department could, perhaps, have been a dry subject, if the state were not trying so hard to impose a one-size-fits-all drought mandate onto a town that has not needed to enact water restrictions in recent memory.

"We have a very good supply and we've put a lot of money into the infrastructure," said Water Commissioner Leonora Jenkins. "Now we have to talk to the state to convince them to let us use the water we've spent so much money on!"

It's time for the Town to renew its water withdrawal permit, which is done once every 15 years. If the Department for Environmental Protection gets its way, Cohasset will be facing a 20 percent reduction in its daily per-person water allowance – from 80 gallons per day to 65.

SEE WATER, A12

## BEECHWOOD

# Bound Brook Bridge needs work

## Easements going to Town Meeting

By Amanda C. Thompson  
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For folks in the Beechwood neighborhood, the New England cliché "You can't get there from here" would be all too true without the Bound Brook Bridge connecting Cohasset's southwesterly corner to the

rest of the community.

That's why officials are planning to keep the bridge partially open when it goes under construction this summer, rather than rerouting traffic the (very, very) long way around through Scituate.

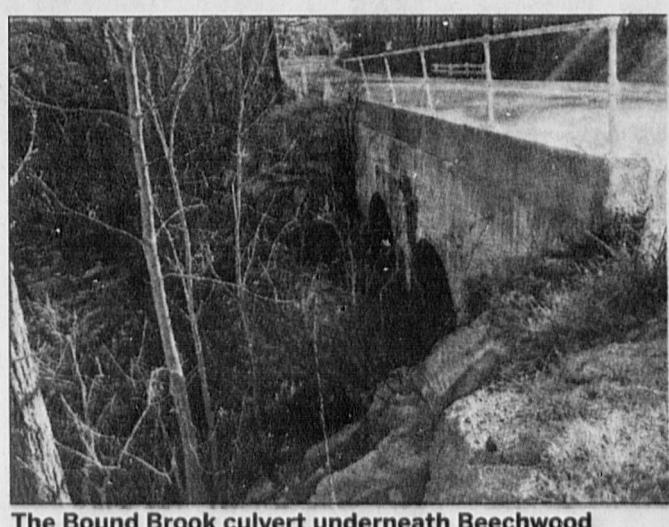
But that's where the good news ends. There will be lane closures, and it'll be a headache for Beechwood residents. The timing of the closures will depend on

environmental permitting; Town Engineer Brian Joyce said it'll be dictated by fish runs.

During construction, traffic isn't the only thing that'll need to be diverted. The stream itself will have to be redirected in order to maintain a regulated flow down Bound Brook.

On top of that, the Town is going to have to acquire

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The Bound Brook culvert underneath Beechwood Street is 150 years old and ready for replacement. WICKED LOCAL STAFF PHOTO BY AMANDA C. THOMPSON

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## COHASSET ELDER AFFAIRS

## Brown Bag Lunch and Movie Monday

**New location:** Cohasset Elder Affairs is now located at Willcutt Commons, 91 Sohier St. All events and activities will be held in that location unless otherwise noted. The center offers tours for visitors.

■ Brown Bag Lunch and Movie: 11:30 a.m. April 25. This month's feature: "100 Foot Journey" starring Helen Mirren. Bring a lunch. The center will supply the popcorn.

■ Conversational Italian II: 2 to 3:30 p.m. April 25-May 23. Lanier Grassie will offer instruction to anyone with a basic understanding of the language. Cost is \$25 for the 5-week session. Signups required as seats are limited.

■ Planning for Medicare-Countdown to 65: 6:30 to 7 p.m. April 26. Peta Shepherd from Blue Cross Blue Shield presents a comprehensive seminar to help people approaching Medicare eligibility understand health insurance options outside of employer-sponsored plans. Free presentation.

■ Broad Cove Chorale spring concert: 10:30 a.m. April 27. Van transportation will be offered to a free preview of the Broad Cove Chorale's Spring Concert in Hingham. The performance includes pieces by Brahms, Schubert and Rheinberger. Seats on the van are limited. First come first serve. The event will take place at the House of Prayer, 916 Main St., Hingham.

■ AromaTouch Hand Meridian Massage: 2:15 to 4 p.m. April 27. Amy Di Lillo, certified Terra Aroma-Touch practitioner, will offer 10-minute hand massages using therapeutic grade essential oils applied to specific zones and meridians on the hands and wrists to stimulate energy. Cost is \$8. Call to schedule an appointment.

■ Deer Hill School Intergenerational Lunch: noon April 28. O'Hara's fourth grade class will join residents for conversation and a activity.

## Lunch schedule and menu

## Week of April 26-28

Lunches are served at noon Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Reservations required 24 hours in advance. Meals provided by local restaurants and Cohasset cooks. Cost: \$3.

## Tuesday, April 26

Prepared by Liza: corn chowder, salad

## Wednesday, April 27

Prepared Olympus Grille

## Thursday April 28

Prepared by Trish and Dave: curried chicken

## Ongoing programs

## Cohasset Café:

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## PICTURE THIS

## Selene Carlo-Eymer

**Name:** Mrs. Eymer (Selene Carlo-Eymer).

**Occupation:** What time of day is it? Before and after school: R.I.S.E. Program Coordinator. During school: Joseph Osgood School Office.

**Best day of your life:** Being locked inside the Philadelphia Museum of Art after it closed and the day we sold Eymer Design, Inc.

**Best vacation memory:** Missing the last ferry off one of the outer islands of Maine and having to sleep in the car.

**Favorite season:** Summer! Hmm... Spring, Autumn is a wash of color, oh but when it's snowing...

**Favorite holiday:** Christmas Eve.

**Favorite snack:** Anything munched on while sailing the Annie S.

**Best book:** "Knock on Wood" by Selene Carlo-Eymer.

**Best movie:** "Death at a Funeral": British version Directed by Frank Oz 2007.

**Pet peeve:** Negativity.



The Mariner caught up with Mrs. Eymer at the School Vacation Rec Camp at Deer Hill School this week. If you see Mrs. Eymer around town, be sure to tell her you saw her in Picture This! WICKED LOCAL PHOTO BY MARY FORD

**Best TV show:** Our own family DVDs.

**Fun fact:** Mr. Eymer makes me laugh everyday!

**Best music, group, or artist:** Beethoven Symphony No. 9 — Movement IV "Ode to Joy."

**Goal:** To have "Knock on Wood" published, it's a children's book.

**Person you'd most like to**

**meet:** Henri Matisse.

**Biggest worry:** The disregard of our beautiful planet.

**Best part of Cohasset:** When students say, "Hello Mrs. Eymer," in the grocery store.

## UPDATE

## Iconic ash tree comes down

By Amanda C. Thompson  
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Remember the first time your kid lost a tooth — that gaping space in her grin, which neither you nor she could ignore? That's how the Common looks now that the iconic old ash tree has come down.

Top Notch Tree of Rockland spent about five hours dismantling the tree on Monday, April 18th. While the tree's deteriorated state was expected, no one knew how deep the damage went until they severed the trunk, which was completely hollowed out.

"There's four of us here and we all have lifelong careers in this industry," said Top Notch's Mike Marino on site. "We're confident that this tree was definitely something that should've been taken care of. They do tend to fall eventually — that's why you don't see 500-year-old trees hanging around. They have a life span, just like anything else."

Not only was the tree old, Marino explained, but it also had concrete on both sides. "That would make it more apt to fail," he said.

The Department of Public Works made the call

in some ways, it's impressive the tree has lasted as long as it has between the sidewalk on one side, a street on the other, and cars constantly exhaling toxins into its breathing air.

"180 years is a good, full life for an ash," said tree expert Gary Barrow, a Mass certified arborist. Barrow was among a number of experts who looked at the tree, and they all said the



Top Notch Tree took down the iconic ash tree on the Common on Monday, April 18th. WICKED LOCAL STAFF PHOTO BY AMANDA C. THOMPSON

same thing: the time had come for the old ash.

Barrow explained the concept of "wind sail weight," the weight of the canopy compared to what the trunk can support. The trunk was already mostly hollow inside, and every year that new growth continued in the canopy, the burden grew heavier while the backbone grew weaker.

"It's got the weight of a small cement truck sitting on top," said Barrow, "and the trunk flare just keeps getting weaker."

Swanson reported at the hearing that DPW already has plans to install new plantings to replace the beloved tree, a project he could undertake this spring or in the upcoming fall if funding can be secured.

He said the town had been looking at Liberty Elms, which are disease-resistant. The Common

has, in the past, been home to ornamental apple and cherry trees, as well. The one thing that won't go in the spot is a formal evergreen — the Common should be shade trees only, Swanson and Barrow agreed.

While everyone at the hearing agreed that it would be nice to enjoy the ash tree's shade for one more summer, Barrow and the experts feared that it could be toppled if a large hurricane came through, posing a risk to both pedestrians and property.

The crew that took down the tree confirmed what the arborists suspected: even the roots were hollowing out, leaving that heavy canopy with very little grip on the ground.

"The park is a much safer spot now," said Marino.

Follow Amanda on Twitter for updates: @MarinerAmandaT

## FISH

## Transportation for local seniors

Cohasset Elder Affairs is delighted to announce that as of May 1 the administration of the FISH (Friends in Service to Humanity) transportation program will transition to their office. FISH volunteers provide rides to Cohasset seniors for out-of-town appointments using personal

vehicles.

Trips will be beyond Cohasset and serve locations for which taking public transportation would be burdensome, or for which public transportation is not available. Rides occur Monday-Friday for appointments that are scheduled between 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Elder Affairs actively seeks additional drivers. Typically, a FISH

driver commits to one or two scheduled days per month. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the CEA transportation staff at 781-383-9112. Elder Affairs welcomes the opportunity to facilitate this valuable program and to maintain the reliability and integrity of a service that has been a benefit to Cohasset residents for many years.

## South Shore Tide Chart

## COHASSET HARBOR (WHITE HEAD)

APRIL 2016	HIGH				LOW				SUNRISE	SUNSET
	AM	HGT.	PM	HGT.	AM	HGT.	PM	HGT.		
Thursday 21	11:54	8.9			5:33	0.2	5:47	0.6	5:52	7:32
Friday 22	12:06	9.3	12:31	8.9	6:11	0.1	6:24	0.6	5:50	7:33
Saturday 23	12:41	9.3	1:09	8.8	6:49	0.1	7:01	0.7	5:49	7:34
Sunday 24	1:17	9.3	1:47	8.7	7:27	0.1	7:39	0.8	5:47	7:35
Monday 25	1:54	9.3	2:26	8.6	8:07	0.2	8:19	1.0	5:46	7:36
Tuesday 26	2:33	9.2	3:07	8.4	8:48	0.3	9:01	1.1	5:44	7:37
Wednesday 27	3:14	9.1	3:51	8.2	9:32	0.4	9:46	1.3	5:43	7:38
Thursday 28	4:00	9.0	4:39	8.2	10:19	0.5	10:36	1.4	5:42	7:39

Please be aware that all tide charts are really just predictions and assume average weather conditions. Usually, onshore winds or low barometric pressure will produce higher tides than predicted and vice-versa.

ATLANTICA, HARBOR INN

# Partial vote on liquor license transfer

Hearing continues at 6 p.m., Tuesday

By Amanda C. Thompson  
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The selectmen are keeping one foot close to the brakes when it comes to approving a liquor license transfer that would put two harbor businesses into the hands of Gerde Ordelheide, owner of the Red Lion Inn.

The Cohasset Harbor Inn (including the tapas restaurant Brisa) and Atlantica (including the Olde Salt House) are currently owned by Peter Roy and have been under the management of Joe Campbell for the past 15 years. Roy and Campbell are now ready to hand over the businesses to a fresh set of players.

The board continued its public hearing on the matter on April 20th and concluded the two-hour meeting with only a partial vote, proving it wasn't just hot air when members said they wanted to proceed with caution on this matter.

Chairman Steve Gaumer said, "If this seems extraordinarily thorough, that's because it's meant to be. We need to make sure that these anchors on the harbor remain vital to our business community; and therefore we need to proceed with abundance of caution."

At their previous meeting, selectmen agreed that the original proposal of having one manager for two establishments would not provide adequate oversight, even though the businesses are close together and often work in tandem for large events such as weddings.

So this time, as requested, the applicant returned with a second candidate to act as general manager at the Cohasset Harbor Inn and Brisa.

Bob Houle is currently the assistant liquor license manager at the Red Lion Inn, which makes him familiar with Cohasset liquor regulations and bylaws. He knows how to handle inventory,

purchasing, and bartenders.

General Manager Heinrich Lutjens said Houle has proved successful despite his lack of former hospitality experience. Houle came out of retirement to take the Red Lion job and said he has enjoyed the challenge of starting work in a new field.

"It's a new adventure," he said. "It's fun; I'm learning something every day as we go along."

The board of selectmen just wants to make sure he – and all the managers in town – know who the boss is when it comes to anything liquor related. Managers may answer to the owner in all other matters, but it's up to the liquor license holder to decide when the bar is closed, if a patron needs to be cut off, or whether assistance may be necessary from public safety officials.

"When you have the license, it's you," said selectman Paul Schubert. "The liquor that is poured across the bar is yours."

Police Chief Bill Quigley said his department had not yet completed standard background checks on Houle, since they had just received his resume earlier on the day of the meeting.

Some records are so old that detectives had to request them on micro-film from the state, which could take a week or more.

The board did not wish to move forward with any matters related to Cohasset Harbor Inn until all the information could be made available, and continued the hearing to 6 p.m. on Tuesday, April 26th.

Selectmen did, however, feel ready to vote on the transfer of licenses at Atlantica and the Olde Salt House. They'd already had a chance to interview the proposed manager for that property, Anil Popat, another current manager at the Red Lion. All the paperwork was in order.

Popat has 36 years of restaurant experience in

**"We need to make sure that these anchors on the harbor remain vital to our business community; and therefore we need to proceed with abundance of caution."**

Selectmen Chairman Steve Gaumer

places as far-flung as San Diego and Vancouver. He was put forward as the general manager at Atlantica and the Olde Salt House. Additionally, because of his experience, he would act as business manager for the Inn and Brisa.

Selectmen voted unanimously in favor of transferring the liquor license and common victualler's license at Atlantica/Old Salt House.

They stopped short, however, of taking any action regarding entertainment licenses at either establishment.

Neighbors spoke up during public comment, saying that noise had been an issue on occasion but that, in general, current management had been happy to work with them to resolve issues.

They feared that this arrangement could be lost under new management, especially since there has been a history of noise complaints from neighbors near the Red Lion Inn.

While the board felt that the noise issues had been resolved when the Red Lion hired Lutjens, it recognized the neighbors' concerns and agreed that it should take a harder look at the details before moving on the entertainment licenses.

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## ANIMAL CONTROL

### Baby raccoons have to be put down

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Unfortunately there is not going to be a happy ending for a litter of baby raccoons found under the snack shack at Barnes Field on Sunday afternoon (April 17).

A do-gooder retrieved the animals and took them to the New England Wildlife Center in Weymouth but not without handling them herself along with a 12-year-old Cohasset boy who was watching the rescue.

The specific details were still sketchy at press time but Animal Control Officer Paul Murphy has been investigating the incident and trying to put all the pieces together. The raccoons (he believes there to be three in number) have to be put down at the wildlife center and sent to the state lab where they will be tested for the rabies virus. The only way to test for rabies is by examination of the brain tissue of a dead animal.

Murphy became alerted to the situation when the boy's local pediatrician called for information. Because it is school

vacation week, the boy had left town to stay with his grandparents out of state.

Murphy believes the litter of raccoons was likely being noisy because they were hungry; an officer reported a deceased raccoon that had been run over near the Little League Fields on N. Main Street during his shift the night before.

However, with coyotes and hawks about – the remains of that raccoon were gone before Murphy found out about the baby raccoons.

"If the results from the state lab come back negative, then we do not have a problem," Murphy said. Rabies is almost always fatal so no chances can be taken.

Murphy stressed that people should not handle wildlife. "Do not touch them, just leave them alone," he said.

He explained that staffers working with animals at the wildlife center have been vaccinated for the rabies virus.

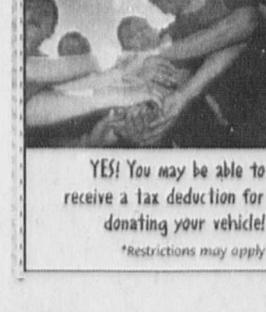
Police Chief Bill Quigley said people have to resist the urge to "help" wild animals.

"Leave it to the

## Rabies Facts

- Rabies is a viral disease that affects the central nervous system.
- Rabies can infect any warm-blooded animal.
- There is no cure for rabies, and it is almost always fatal. Once clinical signs occur, an infected animal usually dies within five days.
- The only way to test for rabies is by examination of the brain tissue of a dead animal. There is no way to test for rabies infection in a live animal.
- Rabies virus is spread by contact with the saliva of an infected animal. Transmission is usually through a bite wound, but the disease has been known to spread through a scratch or an existing open wound.
- Rabies is endemic throughout the continental United States and is most prevalent along the East Coast from Florida to Maine and in southern Arizona along the Mexican border.
- The most common rabies carriers in the U.S. are raccoons, bats, skunks and foxes.

professionals – our animal control officer has the proper training and equipment to deal with these situations," Quigley said.



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## POLICE BEAT

# Man charged after being caught texting and driving

By Mary Ford  
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11) around 2:43 p.m. on Chief Justice Cushing Highway at Pond Street.

Police said the Toyota was coming to a stop at the yellow light when the accident took place. Both cars were headed south. Neither vehicle had to be towed and there were no reported injuries. The Scituate woman was cited for following too closely on a state highway.

### Noise complaint

A tenant at an apartment on Cushing Road was warned that neighbors were starting to complain about noise from his playing the drums. Now that spring is here and windows are open, police advised that he try to wrap up any practicing by nightfall.

### Renewed online

A 45-year-old N. Attleboro woman in a 2007 Nissan Maxima was stopped on Chief Justice Cushing Highway last Thursday morning (April 14) because her plates at expired. The officer assisted her with renewing her registration, which had expired in February, online and she was on her way.

### Erratic operation

An off-duty sergeant on his way to work observed a 2005 Toyota Avalon operating erratically along S. Main Street near Summer Street on Thursday afternoon around 4 p.m. (April 14) and called it in on his portable radio. An officer in a cruiser caught up with the car in the town parking lot; the sergeant arrived and issued the driver, a 36-year-old San Diego man who was staying at the Red Lion, citations for speeding and failure to stay in marked lanes.

### MVA

A 71-year-old Scituate woman was cited after the 2002 Pontiac Grand Prix she was driving rear-ended a 2005 Toyota sedan, operated by a 54-year-old Cohasset man, on Monday (April

### DON'T MISS THIS

#### Town Meeting information session

The Town of Cohasset invites voters to attend a public information session on Thursday, April 28th.

Officials will be happy to answer any questions regarding the upcoming Annual Town Meeting

### Hit & run

A 63-year-old Cohasset man came out of French Memories on Friday afternoon (April 15) to find that someone had backed into this 2015 Toyota sedan parked by the gas station across the street. Police said there was heavy damage to the driver's side from a vehicle that had apparently backed out of one of the angled spaces and into the Toyota. The car was drivable but the driver's door would not open. There were no videos and no witnesses, police said.

### Advice

A 24-year-old Cohasset woman went to the police station on Saturday (April 16) to seek advice on obtaining a restraining order against a former boyfriend that was continuing to send her texts and harassing her.

### PA system

A neighbor to the high school complained to police on Sunday (April 17) around 3 p.m. about students using the PA system at the school athletic field when there was no official game.

### Protective custody

A 55-year-old Brockton man was taken into protective custody for intoxication after police found him sitting in a 2003 Nissan Maxima in the Bank of America parking lot off Chief Justice Cushing Highway around 10:20 p.m. on Sunday (April 17). Police located a 36-year-old Taunton woman who had been with him who had left on foot and provided her with a ride to the station where



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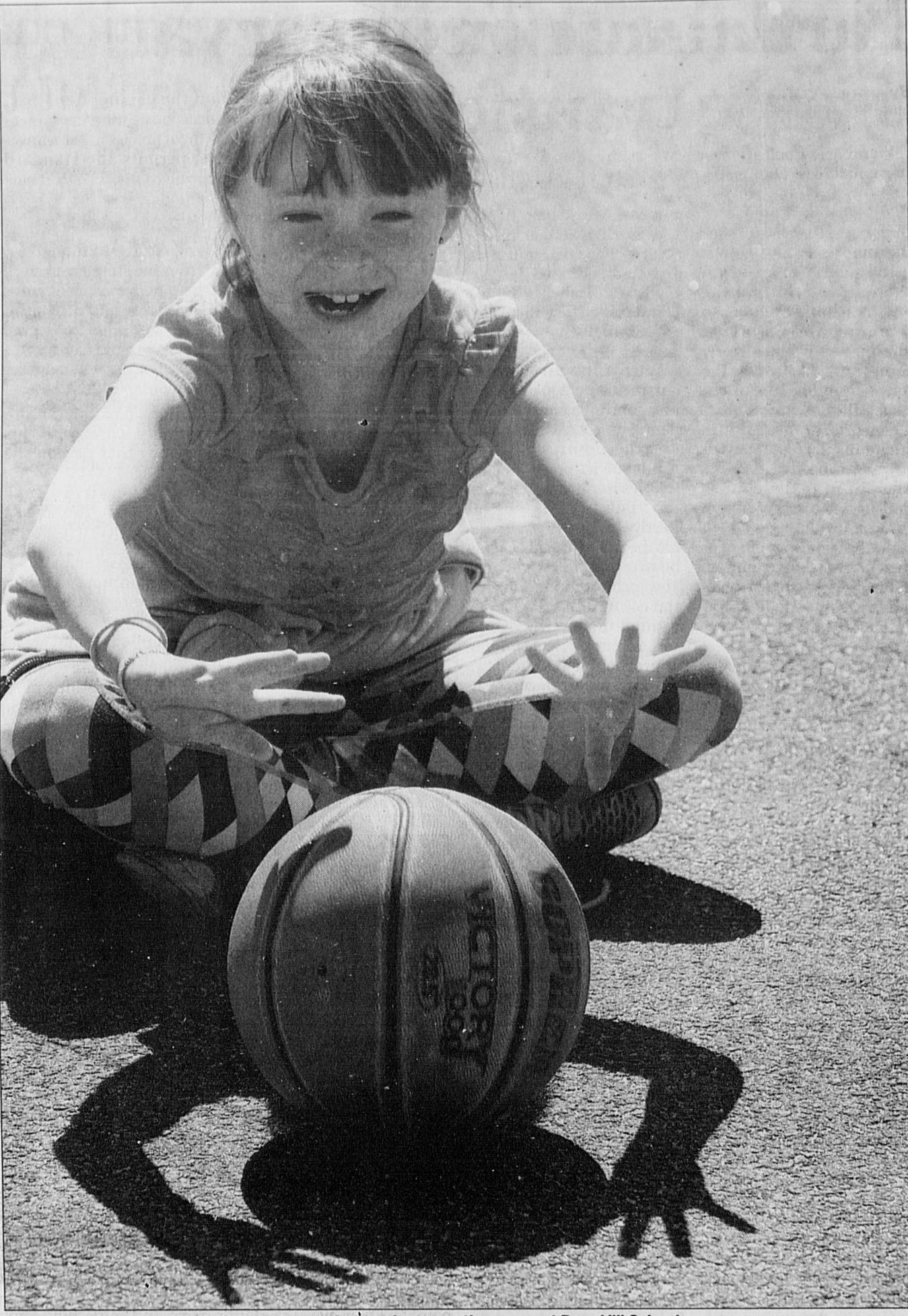
"Future Babe Ruth", Weston Helmer, 8, goes to bat playing whiffle ball.

# Vacation Camp

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Enzo Arace, 6, enjoys crafting a Ninja with 'Fuse Beads'.



Lillian Keay, 8, enjoys playing four square at the rec. dept. vacation camp at Deer Hill School.



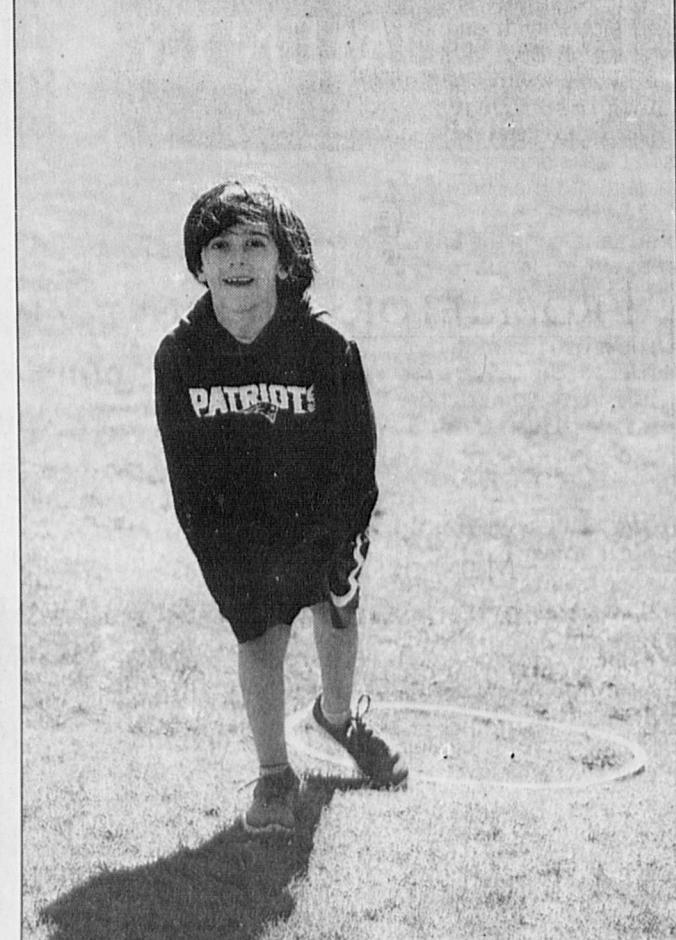
Michael Shannon, 7, enjoys playing with LEGO Mind Storms.



Camp coordinator Mrs. Eymer looks on as young girls enjoy play 4 square at the vacation camp.



Audrey Preston crafting a portrait of her dog 'Saorise' out of 'Fuse Beads'.



Drew Karlovits, 7, ready to run from 2nd base with whiffle ball.



L-R, Molly Silvia, 7, Sunny Mirise, 7, and Abby O'Halloran, 7, share some swing time at the vacation camp.

WELCOME ABOARD

# New face of conservation

By Amanda C. Thompson  
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Working as a police officer in a small New Hampshire town, Jeff Summers had a realization: while he liked being an officer, it turned out that he was less interested in arresting people than he was in arresting environmental decline.

"Your interests always change with time," said Summers. "As I started learning more about the issues, they became more of a concern for me. My girlfriend inspired me to work toward mitigating them. She's been really good at getting me to think about things more."

So Summers went back to school for environmental science. After earning his degree from Northeastern University, his career path led him to Cohasset, where he was hired in January as the new conservation agent.

The agent works in tandem with the Conservation Commission, going out into the field to gather information to help the

members make decisions. It's up to Summers to help the commission enforce the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act and the town's stringent stormwater protection bylaws.

According to Human Resources Director Lisa Uglioraro, enforcement is a big part of the job and was a key ability that the Town looked for during the hiring process.

With a history in law enforcement, "Jeff obviously had experience getting people to follow the rules," said Uglioraro.

But she was quick to add that it's not just a "bad cop" job. The ideal applicant needed a "good cop" side, too, because he or she would be working closely with the Town, the commission, and the community. The Town wanted someone with customer service skills and an approachable manner.

That was Summers. Uglioraro said it was the thing that stood out most about him during early interviews, when officials were narrowing down the pool of well

over a dozen applicants.

"He seemed to have a good rapport and a good way with people," said Uglioraro, noting that Summers kept his head and did not seem at all ruffled by the interviewing process.

On top of that, he just seemed plain excited to be there.

That wasn't an air Summers put on for the interview, either. His passion is immediately obvious the moment he starts talking about his job.

Summers was hired to work 19 hours a week at \$27.50 per hour. His responsibilities, however, have already outgrown that small part-time window.

Summers now spends 32 hours, or four days a week, in his office at the Town Hall, ready to field questions from the public or deal with any conservation-related quandaries that come up.

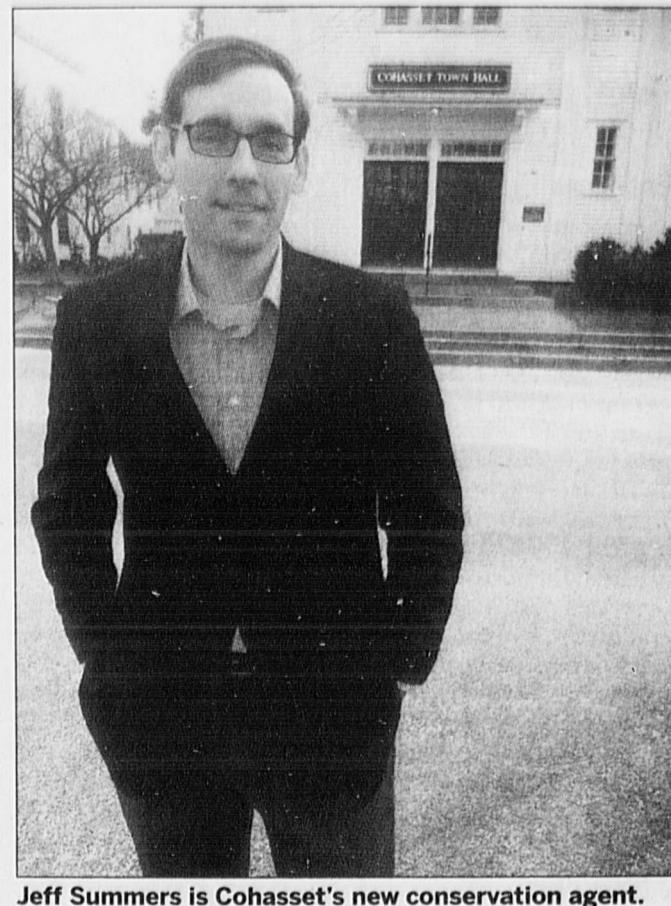
That could mean anything from run-of-the-mill paperwork to site inspections to addressing complaints to following up

on the commission's past decisions. Summers said it's a lot of processing stormwater permits and standard applications for additions or modifications to people's homes.

The former conservation agent, Paul Shea, held the position on a contractual basis for 21 years. After his retirement, the Town decided it needed to hire somebody on a more permanent basis. Uglioraro said it's no surprise that Summers has found more and more work to fill his days now that he's on the job.

"It's the difference between hiring somebody to paint the kitchen and letting the handyman live in your house," she said. "Suddenly he'll be noticing that the doorknob needs to be fixed."

Summers couldn't be happier that the gig has grown into something more full-time. He likes the town, he likes the work, and he still has time to work shifts with the police department in New Hampshire on the



Jeff Summers is Cohasset's new conservation agent.

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weekends - a job he enjoys more now that he's not so entrenched in it.

A resident of Boston and a newcomer to Cohasset, Summers said he loves the community and doesn't mind the commute, though that doesn't mean he'll be relocating anytime soon.

"Cohasset's a very pretty

town - very New England," he said. "The people are welcoming and friendly. It's a nice, tight-knit community where people look out for one another."

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## LECOUNT

From Page A1

always said I wanted to help people. I don't think any family has their all their stuff together. I didn't want other kids to feel as alone as I did."

After a decade as the Osgood School's adjustment counselor, LeCount heard his next calling when then-principal Janet Sheehan inspired him to take a leadership program through South Shore Collaborative.

He took his freshly-minted administrator's license and found a job at a Bellingham high school that was much closer to his home in Franklin, Mass. LeCount described the school as a place where "naughty" students went after being kicked out of their schools for behaviors such as drug use or felonies.

But, said LeCount, "They weren't 'naughty' to me. I loved them. They were hurting kids; the behavior was a symptom."

Still, after all the time he'd spent at the Osgood, LeCount couldn't shake his other love - a love for little hands that make peace signs and paintings and beat their principal at chess. When Osgood had an opening four years ago for a new

principal, LeCount took it. "Coming back to Cohasset was like coming home," he said.

But some things had changed in his absence. After Sheehan left, Osgood had hired another principal who, for whatever reason, just didn't seem to click with the faculty. When LeCount arrived, the dust was still settling.

The new principal knew what he had to do.

"My first goal was to bring that 'home' feeling back to Cohasset," LeCount said.

Just having a familiar face in the principal's office went a long way toward righting the ship. And keeping the door open was what ensured smooth sailing for the next four years. It was never LeCount's style to lord over educators in a throne.

Instead, he made a point of being approachable and responsive. Whoever came through that door, whether student, faculty, or family, the answer was not "Let's make an appointment," but "Let's take care of that."

"People needed that connection between them and the office," LeCount said. "As a principal, you always listen to the teachers, because they know. The goal is always to help them do their job better."

LeCount's second goal was



Principal Bob LeCount stands on the stairs in the Osgood School. LeCount made it a point to know every student's name and something about them. WICKED LOCAL PHOTO / CHRIS BERNSTEIN

to know every student in the school - a tall order, since there are over 400 of them. "I made it a point to know their name and one thing about them," he said, "whether that's a baby brother, a new bicycle, a puppy, or a learning situation."

Finally, LeCount said, "My third goal - and the one that I've been most successful at - was to have some fun." He pointed to the garden and the greenhouse as fun projects the school had undertaken to make learning come to life for its

students.

For him, working at the school felt less like drudgery and more like constant recess.

But play-time is over now for LeCount. Soon he'll be spending more time caring for his aging mother, a Holbrook resident, and feasting on baked goods prepared by his son, a pastry chef - fun of a different kind, paced a little less like basketball and a little more like baseball.

He has mixed feelings about the change.

"I've known something

- work - for 35 years," said LeCount. "Retirement is a complete new world. So there's some fear. But there's also readiness and a sense of relief that when the alarm clock goes off, I don't have to get up."

He may not be able to shut off the alarm clock just yet, though. LeCount announced his retirement at the April 6th School Committee meeting, just minutes before Superintendent Barbara Cataldo announced her plans to retire.

Surprised by the news,

LeCount said he would be willing to stick around a little longer to hold down the fort if it would help ease the transition - maybe as far as Thanksgiving 2016. He felt it should be up to the new superintendent to hire his replacement and didn't want to leave the district in the lurch.

Whoever takes his place, he'll tell them what he always tells new families: "You've chosen a great community."

Nothing demonstrates that more clearly than the time Cohasset rallied around a family in crisis during LeCount's years as an adjustment counselor. He remembers how the community gave so much more than words to the husband and children of a woman who was ill.

"It wasn't that they felt the family's pain," he said; "it wasn't sympathy. It was empathy. It was an action plan to help that family get through."

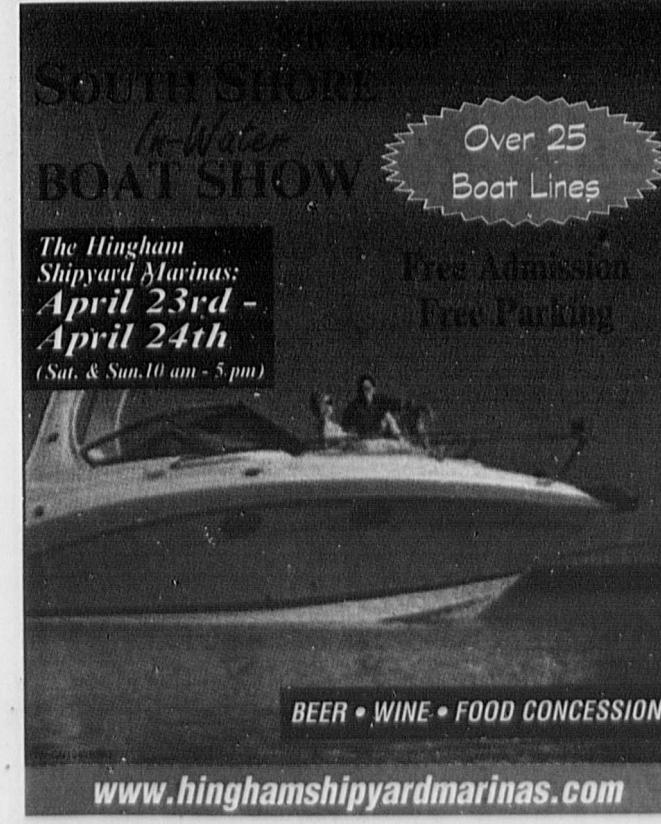
And that, to LeCount, is what makes Cohasset Cohasset.

"My final words," said LeCount, "are 'Thank you, Cohasset.' It's been an honor."

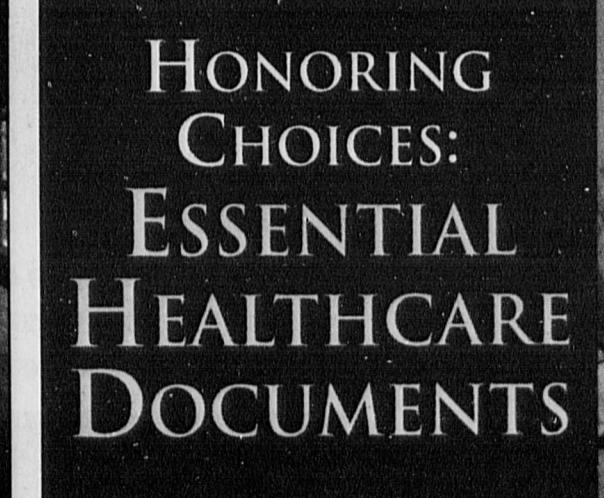
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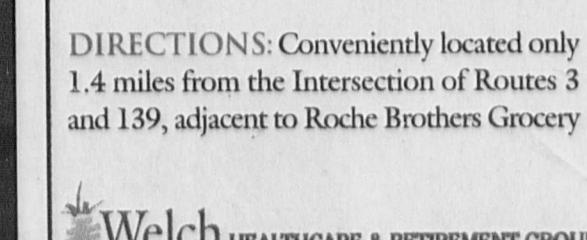
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## AROUND TOWN

## B.C. High School honors listed

## Enjoy spring!

Hi Cohasset, how is everyone doing after this spring-like week? Vacation is ending for many families. However, the weekend is here: time to get outside and enjoy the fresh air! Take a walk, ride your bikes, hit the beach, the zoo or anywhere you can go to just breathe and enjoy.

After the Boston Marathon this past Monday and all the wonderful success stories that were spotlighted and shared as well as every success of each person who crossed that line, make this weekend be a continued feeling of Boston Strong.

## JJ's is open

Here is another great way for Cohasset to welcome Spring as well... make sure to head to JJ's Ice Cream on 3A or, JJ's Junction downtown for your first yummy cone! (Maybe you already have) Send in some pictures of your first tastes of the spring. Have a great week Cohasset 1-4-3!

## Drug Story

Here is a program that is both hard to think about but so important for us ALL to see and hear. All are invited to a free presentation of Drug Story Theater in the Cohasset Middle/High School Auditorium on Thursday, May 5 at 6:30 p.m. While Cohasset Middle and High School



JENNIFER PIEPENBRINK

## HONORS:

Juniors: **Ryan Golz** and **David Hillman**. Sophomores: **Michael DeVries**, **James Krumsiek** and **Daniel Driscoll**. Freshmen: **Matthew Wolfe** and **Sereno Fricano**.

## Colgate

**Colin Whelan**, a Mathematical Economics major in the Colgate University Class of 2018, has earned the Dean's Award for academic excellence for the fall 2015 semester.

Colin is a graduate of Cohasset Middle-High School.

The Dean's Award for academic excellence is awarded to students with a 3.30 or higher term average.

## St. Sebastian's

Cohasset student **James D. Dietrich**, grade 11, was named with honors with distinction to the St. Sebastian's School in Needham's honor roll for the third quarter of the 2015-16 academic school year.

## Save the date

Silent Auction and pasta dinner Saturday April 30th, from 6 to 8 p.m. at St Anthony Parish Hall, 10 Summer St.

Hosted by the St Paul/St Anthony Youth Group representing teens from Hingham, Cohasset, Scituate, and Hull.

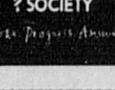
Many items to bid on, good food and great company! \$10 donation. All proceeds go toward funding the youth group's mission trip to Kentucky in June.

*That's it for now*  
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## students will attend separate presentations of the show that day during assembly periods, the evening show is for adults and children age 10 and up. All three performances are made possible through generous funding by the Cohasset Education Foundation (CEF), with coordination by the Safe Harbor Coalition and the Cohasset Middle/High School administration and health education team.

## BCH honors

The following Cohasset students achieved high honors or honors for the Third Quarter at Boston College High School. For High Honors a Soph., Jr., Sr. must have at least a 3.80 quality point average and all grades "C+" or higher.

Freshmen need a 3.6 quality point average and all grades "C+" or higher. For Honors a student must have at least a 3.20 quality point average and all grades "C-" or higher. Freshmen need a 3.16 quality point average and all grades "C-" or higher. (Seniors are not included in the 3rd quarter honor roll.)

## HIGH HONORS:

Juniors: **Matthew Doyle**, **Griffin Gildea**, **Noel Hart**, **Liam McDonald**, **William Bowen** and **Charles Pyne**;

Sophomores: **Jake Allen**, **Terence Faherty**, **Aidan Gildea**, and **Quentin McCarron**.

## CONSERVATORY NOTES

## A shift toward access

By Anne Smith

A few weeks ago, we received a call from Plymouth resident Sandy Spekman. She is new to the area, and wanted to know what accommodations South Shore Conservatory could make for someone with hearing loss (Sandy uses cochlear implant speech processors to hear.) We assured her we would have the lyrics printed for her so that she would know what the singers were saying.

After the concert Sandy shared her personal experience as an arts patron with hearing loss.

She told me, "My husband and I moved from the NYC Metro area one year ago. In New York City there is more hearing accessibility (than in Massachusetts). Just as a person with mobility issues can't access a building without a wheelchair ramp, I can't access most cultural events without some kind of accommodation. You would never say to a person in a wheelchair that you can't go into my facility. Yet, someone deaf or hard of hearing doesn't have the same access to many arts organizations.

"I am used to going to an organization's website and looking up what kind of accessibility features they offer. When I went to the SSC website, I saw right away that you had an Access tab on the home page. I learned whom to contact to learn about what accommodations you could make available for me.

"When I arrived at the concert tonight, I was given a set of lyric sheets. I was able to follow along with the lyrics as the performers sang. Hearing people take this all for granted! I can't tell you what a joy it was to be



As part of their efforts to be more accessible, South Shore Conservatory will have lyric sheets available at vocal performances so that those with hearing challenges may follow along with the lyrics. COURTESY PHOTO

able to laugh along at the humor in the songs, just like everyone else. Thank you for welcoming me and for making the concert accessible. I had a great time."

This experience with Sandy was an exciting and pivotal moment in the life of this organization. We have spent the last two years thinking deeply about accessibility. Access to the arts is at the core of SSC's mission: we have large Community Partnerships program and a flourishing Creative Arts Therapies department. Until recently, though, it never occurred to me what a large (and steadily growing) segment of our population requires accommodation in order to fully participate in the arts.

Last year, SSC was chosen to be a founding member of the Massachusetts Cultural Council's UP Inclusive Design Initiative. Through this year-long series of workshops, we learned to ask, "What more can we do to include and welcome people of all abilities?" across the full spectrum of our organization — classes and concerts, to development and marketing. The answer is, "So much more!"

The new "Access" tab

on the home page of our website is the most visible sign of this culture shift. There, our friends can find information about the physical accessibility of our two campuses,

watch "Social Story" videos introducing our programs, and learn who to contact for American Sign Language interpretation. We are also working on creating training manuals for our front-desk staff and volunteers, professional development sessions for our faculty, large-print programs for our friends with vision limitations at concerts, and (new this week!) arm chairs available for those with mobility issues at all events.

SSC has grown so much over the last 18 months, yet we still have a ways to go. Sandy had some valuable, constructive criticism for us that we welcomed whole-heartedly. Please, come visit us. Come to a concert. Sign up for a class. Tell us about your experience. Help us learn. Everyone is welcome at South Shore Conservatory!

—Anne Smith is the South Shore Conservatory's Director of Community Partnerships.

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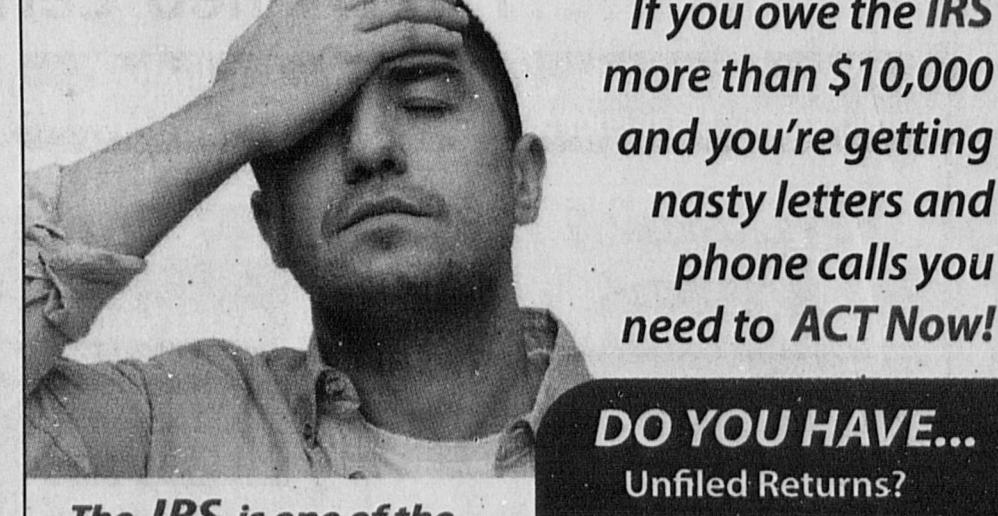
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## GIMME SHELTER

# Siblings are an inseparable pair

By Tammy Hatch

**M**eet 10-month-old siblings, Bambi and Dory, recent arrivals at the shelter from a loving, but extremely overcrowded home. Have you ever seen so much love curled up in one basket?

Bambi is an impossibly handsome black male with big green eyes, a dashing white patch of fur at his neck and wispy white fur at his ears. He's nothing short of a teenage heartthrob with his laid back, easygoing personality and sweet little man demeanor. Bambi is very approachable and responds eagerly to gentle petting and sweet talk.

His sister Dory, the smaller of the pair, is shyer than her brother and is more approachable when she is huddled against the protective chest of her beloved Bambi. A Tortie/Tiger mix with big golden eyes Dory is as sweet and gentle as



Dory and Bambi are totally bonded and absolutely must be adopted together.

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her brother. She absolutely adores Bambi and is most at ease when he is at her side

protecting her and keeping her safe and comfortable. Both Bambi and Dory are

full of spunk and love to play together. They're also both

polydactyl (translation: they've got a few extra toes), which adds to their unique and stunning appearance. This brother and sister are totally bonded and absolutely must be adopted together. Both are altered and up-to-date on their vaccinations. The person or family who adopt this special brother and sister will have won the pet lottery for sure!

You can learn more about Bambi and Dory as well as the other cats and kittens we have available for adoption by visiting us online at [www.hsr.org](http://www.hsr.org) or by visiting us at our new location, 487 Nantasket Ave Hull. Open hours are Monday nights, 6:30 to 7:30, and Saturdays, 2 to 3 p.m. If these times are not convenient for you, special appointments can be made by calling our adoption coordinator at 781-534-4902.

care is the much-needed backbone of the shelter and is called upon when emergent situations arise. We've already had our first litter of kittens born to a mother in foster care and more mothers and kittens are expected to be rescued in the coming weeks. Foster parents house, feed and care for kittens and mother cats. This commitment can range from 8 weeks to 3-4 months. If you have an isolated room or space in your home and have an interest in fostering, please call or email our shelter manager, Scott, at 781-925-3121 or [hsar@verizon.net](mailto:hsar@verizon.net)

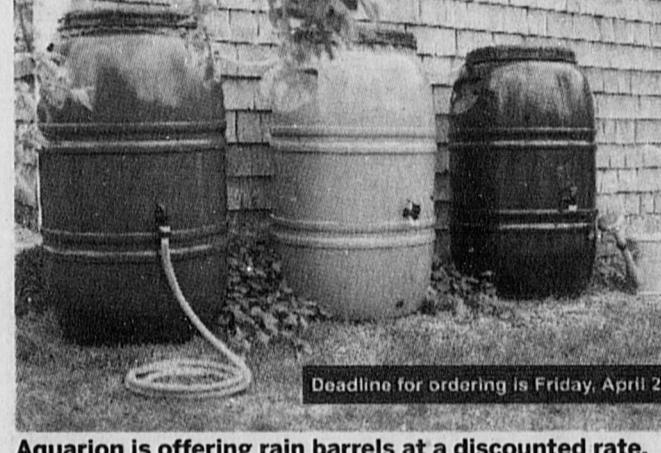
-Tammy Hatch is a Volunteer and Board Member at Hull Seaside Animal Rescue.

**They're also both polydactyl (translation: they've got a few extra toes).**

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price of \$119.

**2 AUTHOR TALKS:** Poet, essayist, author, and translator Danielle Legros George will read from her collection of poetry at the Cohasset library on Sunday, April 24 at 4 p.m. A wine & cheese reception and book signing will follow the talk. Free admission. Seating is limited. For more information call the library at 383-1348.

**3 BELL RINGING:** Beginner's class in English change bell ringing will hold its first session at 10 a.m. April 23 at the Memorial Bell Tower, adjacent to the Old Ship Church, 107 Main

St., Hingham. Classes will be on Saturdays for 10 weeks. Funds from the classes partially defray the cost of a paid instructor, with the balance paid for by the bell tower. The fee is \$50. To register: [shilhan@msn.com](mailto:shilhan@msn.com). Send checks by April 21 to Hingham Bell Ringers, 124 Leavitt St., Hingham, MA 02043, payable to Hingham Memorial Ringing Fund.

**4 ON STAGE:** Curtain rises this weekend on the Hingham Civic Music Theatre Broadway musical comedy "Once Upon A Mattress." Show dates and times are: 7:30 p.m. April 23, 29 and 30 and 2 p.m. April 24 and May

1 at the Sanborn Auditorium, 210 Central St., Hingham. The play is based on the book "The Princess and the Pea." Tickets are \$20 per person; \$15 per person for groups of 10 or more, prepaid. To purchase: [hcmrtmattress.bpt.me](http://hcmrtmattress.bpt.me).

**5 DIVESTMENT FORUM:** How can individual investors rearrange their portfolios to include renewables and companies that are changing their policies to help create a cleaner environment? The answers to these questions will be provided at a Personal Divestment Forum on April 26, 7 p.m., at Glastonbury Abbey's Conference Center, 16 Hull St., Hingham. Free.

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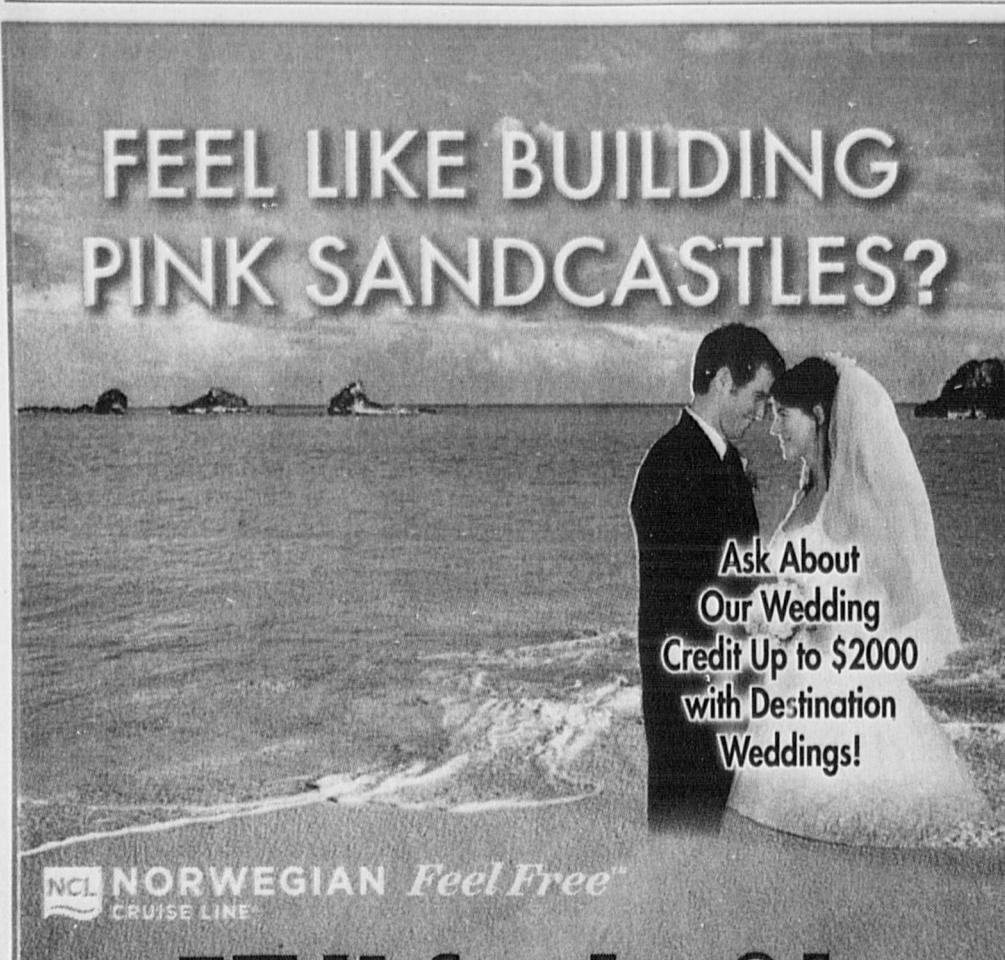
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## COMMENTARY

# Income inequality and climate change

By Constance Gorfinkle

Growing up in Detroit, in the 1960's, "It was hard to miss the gap between rich and poor," says Chuck Collins. Born into privilege, himself, as the great grandson of meatpacking entrepreneur Oscar Mayer, the stark contrast between the haves and have-nots sharpened for him when he was working "with a group of low-income tenants of a trailer park, who wanted to turn their park into a co-operative."

It was then, he says, "I got to see to see their world of economics." The tenants owned their homes, but not the land their homes were on, so they had no real control over their lives in that place.

"I thought, it doesn't have to be this way." So, Collins, among others, worked to help those folks buy the park.

"I learned a lot from that experience."

That experience and others led to where Collins is today, a senior scholar at the Institute for Policy Studies, in Jamaica Plain, the nation's oldest progressive multi-issue think tank, which works for peace, justice, and the environment. Collins is also director of IPS's Program on Inequality and the Common Good.

In these roles, he looks for ways that income inequality can be mitigated, the most

progressive of which is the creation of Wealth for the Common Good, a network of business leaders, high-income households and partners working together to promote shared prosperity and fair taxation.

Income inequality has all kinds of ramifications besides the inability of many people to live in a decent neighborhood or afford a good education for their children. It is responsible to a large degree for global warming, as greedy corporations have gone after fossil fuels in order to make their businesses more profitable, while the burning of those fuels has continued to cook the planet.

It is the intersection of income inequality and climate change that is bringing Collins to Hingham on April 26, at 7 p.m., to take part in a Personal Divestment Forum at Glastonbury Abbey's Conference Center, 16 Hull St.

The forum will concentrate on how individual investors can prosper by swapping out their fossil fuel investments for investments in the new energy sector: wind, sun and water, and, in companies that have changed their policies in favor of a cleaner environment.

Personal divestment is the latest permutation of a movement that was launched several years ago by 350.org, an international climate organization, which followed



the example of college students in the '60s, who protested apartheid in South Africa by urging stockholders to sell their assets in corporations in order to enact social change.

Collins was among those who took part in the apartheid protest, and didn't hesitate when that policy was applied to fossil fuels, in 2011, again with college students in the forefront who were imploring their schools to divest of fossil fuels.

Dismissed, at first, as a toothless protest by many, divestment has turned out to be a blockbuster success, gaining huge momentum, especially over the past two years.

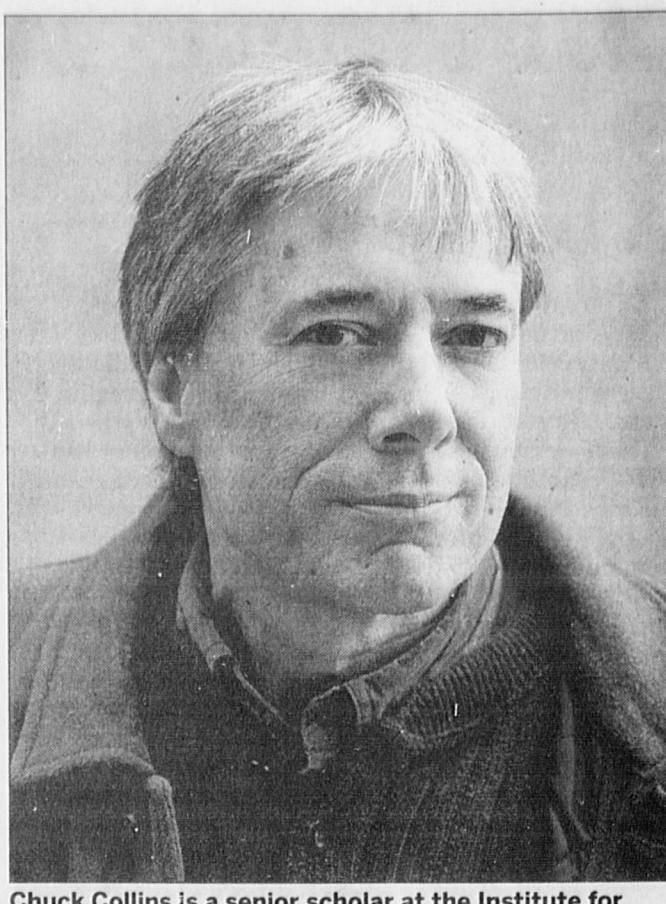
Explains Collins, "In 2014, when the big climate march took place in New York, it was reported that \$50 billion worth of fossil fuels had been divested. By last December, when the climate talks took place

in Paris, that number had risen to \$340 billion."

Beyond that, more than 400 organizations and 2,000 individuals across the world, with a combined \$2.6 trillion in assets, have pledged to divest from fossil fuel companies, according to a report from Arabella Advisors, a consultancy firm for philanthropies.

Originally presented as a moral imperative, divestment of fossil fuels has become a practical reality, as new entrepreneurs — needing investors — have created companies to build infrastructure for the new world order, including wind turbines and solar panels.

While the concept of divestment grew out of an urge to do good in a bad situation, Collins says, "It's not about personal purity. It's about public sanction of energy companies, and the exposure of their owners as bad actors, so



Chuck Collins is a senior scholar at the Institute for Policy Studies in Jamaica Plain, the nation's oldest progressive multi-issue think tank. COURTESY PHOTO

we can weaken their clout by regulating this rogue industry, in which we no longer are stakeholders.

"Divestment, he continues, "is a way to demonstrate what kind of future we want, and that we are renouncing the old, dinosaur economy."

"Divestment is now part of our values."

The forum, sponsored by the environmental organization, 350MASS South Shore, also will include on the panel, Leslie

Samuelrich, president of Green Century Capital Management, which was founded in 1991 by a partnership of environmental advocacy organizations, making it the only investment advisory firm with this ownership structure, and Andrew B. Wetzel, Vice President, Portfolio Manager and Senior Research Analyst at F.L. Putnam.

—Constance Gorfinkle is a member of 350MASS South Shore.

## BRIDGE

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three easements, both temporary and permanent, in order to complete construction. These are required for vegetation removal and grading of upstream and downstream dam faces. Future access would be allowed via these easements for maintenance.

Officials don't think getting the easements will be a problem. The landowners have already been contacted.

"We're not taking someone's front walkway," said Town Manager Chris Senior.

Joyce added, "What we're seeing is people not even realizing they own part of the dam."

The selectmen and advisory committee voted unanimously in favor of a warrant article that would allow the Town to acquire the easements through gift, purchase, or eminent

domain. As always, voters will have the final say on all warrant articles at Annual Town Meeting on May 2nd.

Senior noted that the work will have to take place no matter which way the vote goes.

It's not the road itself that needs repairs, but the earthen embankment dam beneath Beechwood Street. Bound Brook Dam is listed by the Office of Dam Safety as an intermediate size structure, significant hazard class, and is rated in "poor condition."

The dam was created in 1976 during the town's major water capital improvement program, which also included the construction of Aaron River Reservoir and Dam and the Lily Pond Water Treatment Plant. But the culvert itself is over 150 years old and was not addressed when the dam was constructed.

The Bound Brook Dam regulates Lily Pond elevation based on input from

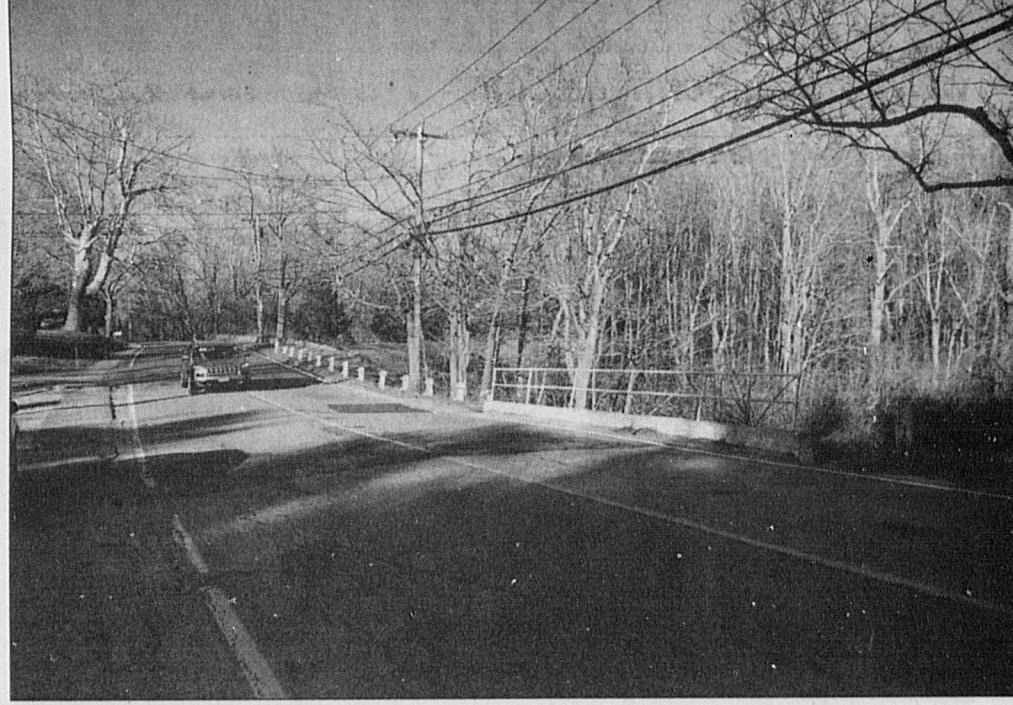
the Aaron River Reservoir and controls the flow of water toward Scituate. Lily Pond and the reservoir are Cohasset's two drinking water supplies.

The upstream control structure consists of a slide gate and a stop log channel for each culvert, as well as a fish ladder with weir gate located between the slide gates. Recommended repairs include replacement of the existing twin culverts.

Recommendations were provided by consultants at CDM Smith, which began tests and analyses in January 2016. The study included soil borings and hydraulic analysis.

A topographical survey was completed earlier in April. Design plans are at 50 percent and will be completed based on the survey. If all goes as planned and the appropriate permits are obtained, construction will take place starting in July.

This project will be funded in part by a \$1 million grant from the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs via their Dam and



Beechwood residents will experience single-lane closures this summer while the Bound Brook culvert is being replaced. WICKED LOCAL STAFF PHOTO BY AMANDA C. THOMPSON

Seawall Repair or Removal Program. The total estimated budget is \$1.42 million.

A public hearing will be

held on May 5th. Residents are invited to bring forward their questions and concerns.

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## TEST

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While the 10th grade MCAS is currently a graduation requirement in Massachusetts, there is no reason to place the same kind of pressure on eighth graders, or fifth graders, or third graders. Erlandsen and company would argue there's no reason to place that pressure on 10th graders, either.

Not everyone knows, however, that "none of the above" is an option. Parents think that, as long as schools are administering the exams, students have to take them.

But just because the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education has yet to get rid of standardized tests doesn't mean that students have to take them — only that schools have to give them.

That's the message Erlandsen hoped to get across to parents last week when he and Deb McCarthy, a fellow Massachusetts Teachers Association union officer, stood outside of Cushing Elementary School in Scituate as parents

trickled in for a meeting.

The meeting's purpose was to communicate that state-mandated, high-stakes tests are mandatory for all students, even those at the elementary level. The two teachers standing outside said otherwise.

"A lot of parents are fatalistic," said Erlandsen. "They think, 'That's just the way things are.'"

Though the meeting was only lightly attended, Erlandsen said that the handful of parents who showed up were glad to hear they had the option to say "No" to PARCC and MCAS.

It wasn't the first time these educators set their sights on educating parents rather than children. The Association hosted a community forum on high-stakes testing in Hingham earlier this month, and Erlandsen also recently took a stand in Norton.

An upcoming gathering is scheduled in Kingston, with more coming across the South Shore. Visit the Citizens for Public Schools website ([citizensforpublicschools.org](http://citizensforpublicschools.org)) to learn more.

For now, the movement is

in its infancy. Many teachers are scared to take a stand, said Erlandsen, because they fear that speaking out against the tests could jeopardize their jobs. But for Erlandsen, the cause has become bigger than his own job, and he's not alone.

"Teachers are willing now to put careers on the line to stop the abuse of the children in our classrooms," said Erlandsen.

It all clicked when Erlandsen, an eighth grade science teacher in Cohasset, realized he was spending more classroom time reassuring his students that the MCAS doesn't define their value as people than he was actually teaching the material.

"Every teacher knows how to reach their students, how to play to the strengths of each student," said Erlandsen. "Each one is unique and individual, and we're trained to reach them that way. But then we standardize the test and give them one shot a year to show if they're smart or not."

Kids can see through the veil. Students who aren't "smart" enough to ace the test may nevertheless be

quick to show their peers how they can rearrange the letters in "MCAS" to spell "SCAM." Their joke may be closer to the truth than education officials would like.

Erlandsen noted that it's not testing that he hates. It's just the high-stakes nature of *this* test. Of course teachers need a way to evaluate their students. And of course the district and the state need to make sure that all students are receiving quality instruction.

But Erlandsen suggests that, rather than spending millions per year on the MCAS, the state tap into the valuable resource that's already on the front lines: the teacher.

"I know what my students are going to be able to do at the end of the year," he said. "And they're already paying me."

That would free him up to teach his students material that is important — perhaps uniquely so — within their community. Not every student in America will benefit from building a topographical map of the watershed, but Cohasset students do, because the harbor is a critical resource in their

hometown.

Simply put, the resources being funneled into standardized testing could be redirected into the aspects of education that make it relevant, joyful, and engaging for the whole student as an individual.

A recent House bill (H340, An Act Relative to a Moratorium on High Stakes Testing and PARCC) proposed taking a break for three years to evaluate how MCAS and PARCC results are being used, and whether the usage really benefits individual students or the district.

During the break, tests may still be administered, but the results would not be used to determine a high schooler's graduation eligibility, to evaluate educators, or to assess and score the district.

In proposing the bill, the Teachers Association noted that test preparation takes time away from teaching and damages non-academic programs such as art, music, gym and health. Erlandsen agreed that testing makes it almost impossible to run any sort of coherent curriculum in the month of May.

The bill has now been put to study, however, and may not resurface from that state of limbo.

That's why the Teachers Association is urging parents to take a stand on the individual level. "If the normal channels won't work," said Erlandsen, "then we have to activate parents to opt out in significant numbers to get the attention of leadership so we can go about this the right way."

In Long Island, New York, hundreds of thousands of students opted out of standardized tests last year. Erlandsen doesn't foresee anything so drastic happening in any of the South Shore communities — at least, not this year, and probably not next year, either.

But he hopes that parents and students will start taking this bold step in the coming years, and he hopes that, sooner rather than later, there will be enough of them to put the pressure on officials to reconsider the tests.

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# OPINION

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## OUR VIEW

### Senate election: A big deal

To say the turnout for the April 12 special senate primary was disappointing is an understatement.

That's exactly how all four candidates described the showing at the polls before offering some thoughts on why as little as 5 percent of Marshfield, Scituate and Duxbury's registered voters took the time to help decide which two will vie to represent the Plymouth and Norfolk senate district on May 10.

The numbers were only slightly better in Norwell and Cohasset — 7 and 8 percent respectively. In Weymouth, where the district's former senator of 22 years Robert Hedlund calls home and now serves as mayor, and where senate candidate Patrick O'Connor heads up the town council, the turnout was just 10 percent. At 13 and 15 percent, Hingham and Hull, home to the two Democratic candidates — Paul Gannon and Joan Meschino — had the largest numbers of voters cast ballots.

Some town clerks blamed the rain for the paltry showing at the polls and the fact that the ballot featured just one contest. Primaries usually bring low turnouts, other clerks offered.

Candidate Stephen Gill, who entered the race late and chose not to campaign, didn't think the election was well advertised across the district. Others, who did campaign, said many voters didn't seem to know about the election — one of several that will be held in the eight district towns in just a two-month span.

But if they were reading this newspaper or its associated Wicked Local website over the past eight months, that's hard to believe.

We've been covering

this legislative transition as it has unfolded in all its strange and convoluted ways, beginning last summer when Hingham Selectman Paul Gannon announced plans to run for senate regardless of whether Hedlund was elected Weymouth mayor.

From Hedlund's Christmas Eve resignation to the senate's late January vote to set the special elections, we've delved into legislative rules and processes and kept in close touch with the Secretary of State's office as the election calendar took shape.

And we've done our best to introduce you to the candidates heading into last week's senate primary. We will continue our extensive coverage going into next month's special senate election when we certainly hope more voters will cast ballots.

This is an important legislative seat representing a district with educated, involved and informed voters. It's a really big deal.

Our local legislators play an enormous role in affecting change and improving the quality of life in our hometowns and across the South Shore. They are our voice on Beacon Hill and beyond when it comes to the important issues and needs facing the district, including economic development, local aid, the ongoing opioid epidemic, flood insurance and climate change.

What we've learned about the senate candidates — all of who plan to run for the seat again in the fall — bodes well for district. They are all informed, enthusiastic, and passionate people who want to make a difference as your state senator.

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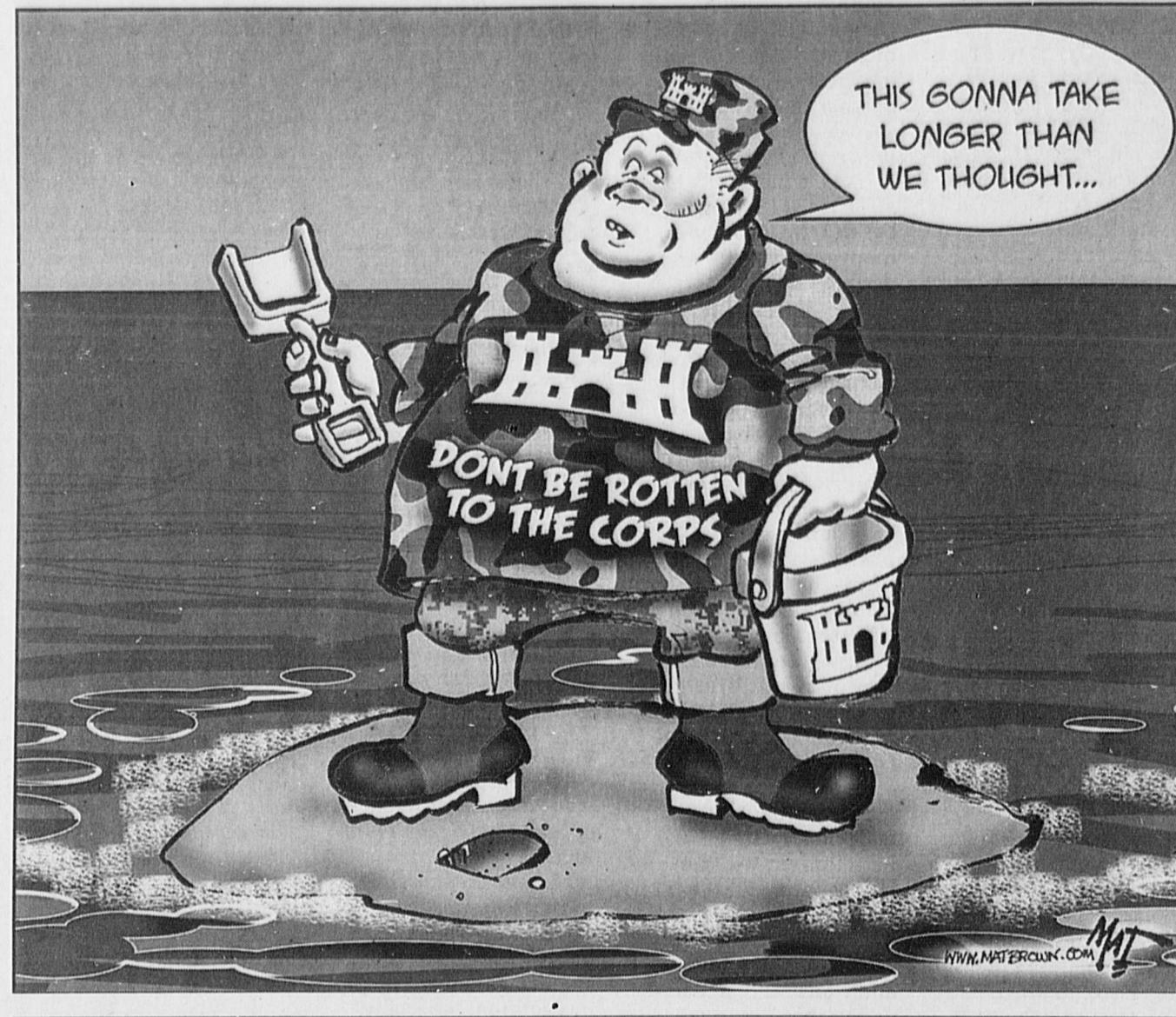
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## COMMENTARY

### Reconsider plan for Cunningham Bridge

By Ralph and Jacqueline Dormitzer

The abutters and near-abutters to Cunningham Bridge respectfully request that the Department of Transportation engage with the residents of Cohasset to reconsider the current plan for rebuilding the bridge. Specifically, that the DOT engage with us in a "collaborative, interdisciplinary approach that involves all constituents to develop a transportation facility that fits its physical setting and preserves scenic, aesthetic, historic and environmental resources, while maintaining safety and mobility for all users" [quotation from the DOT design manual].

On March 7, 2016, the following letter was sent to Patricia A. Leavenworth, P.E., Chief Engineer, Mass DOT in response to the Department of Transportation plan to rebuild Cunningham Bridge. It was endorsed by 25 residents of Cohasset. We received no reply to this letter.

*MassDOT, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116*

*Attention: Bridge Project Management, Project File No. 607345*

"We the abutters and the nearby residents of Atlantic Ave and Cunningham Bridge (aka Atlantic Avenue Bridge) appreciate the investment by the Department of Transportation in upgrading Cunningham Bridge in Cohasset. We, however, do not support the current replacement project for the bridge, File No. 607345, as presented to the residents of Cohasset in a Department of Transportation Public Hearing on February 25, 2016, at Willcutt Commons.

"The bridge is not simply a utilitarian structure to convey people and cars efficiently across the Little Harbor inlet. It is, by virtue of its location and unobstructed views of the Atlantic Ocean and Little Harbor, a place to pause and appreciate the beauty of the vistas it uniquely provides. The travel lanes of the current bridge are 1-1/2 ft. narrower than code and the vehicle approach from the north requires a sharp turn. These technical

"deficiencies" contribute to the fact that cars must slow down before crossing the bridge, something that the majority of us consider to be a desirable attribute of the current design.

The bridge railing of cast concrete pillars and rails also enhances the appearance of the Bridge's otherwise strictly utilitarian look.

"The proposed design of the replacement bridge will widen the roadway and sidewalk and minimize the sharp curve on the approach from the north. It will also replace the current decorative concrete bridge railing with a commercial three-bar rail. We believe these changes to be undesirable. We don't believe it desirable to speed traffic across the bridge and definitely do not want a commercial three-bar rail to replace the current decorative design.

"Earlier proposals with regard to the bridge would simply replace the six steel "I" beams that support the bridge with stressed concrete beams, replicating the current roadway and sidewalk. This option is projected to take three months

to complete. The full replacement as proposed in File No. 607345 is projected to take nine months to complete. Recognizing that the bridge is one of two major connectors between east and west Cohasset, we think it is preferable by far to shorten the project to three months and to simply replace the "I" beams and roadway deck.

"The proposed design also requires that several mature trees be removed on both sides of the northern approach roadway and that parts of the salt marsh on Little Harbor be filled-in. We consider these "improvements" for traffic considerations to be highly undesirable as well.

"We again thank you for your willingness to invest in the upgrade of an important part of Cohasset's infrastructure. Please, however, reconsider the current project and engage with us, as abutters and nearby residents, to reach a more suitable solution."

Ralph and Jacqueline Dormitzer  
111 Atlantic Ave.

## LETTER

### Stop negativity and unfounded attacks

My wife, Jane, and I have been the subjects of vicious attacks in commentaries published in the last two editions of the Mariner. You should understand that both of these commentaries was written by one or more direct abutters to James Island; each of whom is trying to protect their view.

While each of the commentaries contains

numerous untruths and unfounded attacks on my wife and me, I will not respond in a similar manner. Enough with all the negativity and name calling.

I will not be dragged into the gutter by these attacks, but rather implore those who are opposing our project on James Island to please stop trying to create needless and unwarranted

fear in the other members of our wonderful Town.

The facts simply do not support the accusations and doomsday predictions that have been carelessly thrown about by those opposing our project.

My wife Jane and I will only talk (and write) in a positive tone regarding our single-family house project on James Island, regardless of what others may say

about us. We truly hope to work with all involved (even those who have chosen to unjustifiably defame us) in a positive and constructive manner.

We would ask those opposing our plans on James Island to please try to do the same. We would welcome it.

John Steinmetz  
175 Sohier St.

## SAVE THE DATE

### Election calendar for 2016

We hope that first-time voters and seasoned voters will keep the following dates handy and participate throughout 2016.

- Monday, May 2, Cohasset Town Meeting
- Tuesday, May 10, state election (state senator)
- Saturday, May 14, Cohasset Town Election
- Thursday, Sept. 8, state primary
- Tuesday, Nov. 8, state election (presidential)

## POEM

### Cohasset Tree Reflection

By Patricia White Murphy

April 18, 2016

With my wonderful view of the Common and the Pond, I was able to watch from my window as the majestic, towering Ash tree was removed from its lofty perch. Although it was time, it was very sad. My heart was full and I felt compelled to write something.

I obviously echo Kilmers when I say: "Poems are made by fools like me, But only God can make a tree."

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Standing tall above the Pond  
My memories form a solid bond  
Reflecting pride in all below  
With history only I can know.

For o'er a century here I've stood  
A fixture in this neighborhood.  
I've witnessed hope and love and fears  
Laughter, joy, too often, tears.  
I've heard bells rung to celebrate  
On wedding days; for feast or 'fête',  
Or as their sad gongs church bells tolled

In farewell to the young or old.  
My limbs no longer stretch to shade  
The place of lover's promise made,  
Inside, my timber heart grew frail.  
My lofty branches soon could fail.  
An aching, empty space I leave  
Yet aged with wisdom I perceive  
The hope that when we leave this place  
We've made a difference, by God's grace.

## GOOD DEEDS

## Registry of Deeds benefits you

**H**i. It's very nice to meet you. My name is Bill O'Donnell and I am the Register of Deeds for Norfolk County. I have been given a wonderful opportunity by the editor, Mary Ford, to report to you on a monthly basis about the many real estate issues that can directly impact a property owner.

Now I can't promise you that this column will read like a John Grisham thriller, but I can tell you that I will do my best to make it as informative and interesting as possible. After all, for most people the biggest investment they have in life is their home and that's one of the big areas the Registry of Deeds deals with – your home.

Now after reading the first few paragraphs of this column you might have a few questions for me like: What is the purpose of the Registry of Deeds? What programs does it offer? And does it really benefit me?

These are all good questions. So let me try to answer them for you.

The Registry of Deeds is the principle office for real property records in Norfolk County and receives and records hundreds of thousands of documents annually. Today it's a depository for more than 5 million records dating back to 1793, which so happens to be the year George Washington was inaugurated President.

The Registry is also the primary resource for title examiners, mortgage lenders, municipalities and of course, you the

REGISTER  
BILL O'DONNELL

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homeowner. There are a number of reasons why business and individuals use the Registry from performing title searches, to checking on property liens to genealogy purposes. Quite simply, there is a good chance that you will use the Registry, even if it's just to obtain a copy of your deed for your safety deposit box.

And if you can't get to the Registry in Dedham, the Registry will come to you, through our annual community office hours. Additionally, we make it easy for you to contact us through our customer service office (781-461-6101) or through our social media outlets including our website [www.norfolkdeeds.org](http://www.norfolkdeeds.org), which allows you to see all the documents stored at the Registry from the comfort and convenience of your home or office computer.

And there are more benefits to the Registry of Deeds when it comes to consumerism. There's the Homestead Law, which provides limited protection against the force sale of individual primary residence to satisfy unsecured debt up to \$500,000. There's our Consumer Notification Service that alerts residents anytime their name shows up on a real estate document here

at the Registry of Deeds. It is a way to protect a property owner against fraud. While we are indeed fortunate this problem has not manifested itself here, the FBI has reported that property fraud is one of the fastest growing white-collar crimes in the country.

We will explore these and other consumer programs including our new Transcription Project in greater detail in future columns. And we will also warn you about rip-off artists who try to get you to pay an outrageous price for a copy of your deed or homestead, along with updating you on latest real estate data about your community.

And there will be a lot more to tell you about in coming editions. So I look forward to this opportunity, and I hope you enjoyed this article half as much I enjoyed writing it. See you next month!

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## DON'T MISS THIS

## Absentee ballots for town election

Absentee ballots for the Annual Town Election on May 14 will be available starting Monday, April 25 at the Town Clerk's office. Absentee voting may be done during normal office hours until noon on Friday, May 13 at which time the office will be closed to prepare for the election. You may vote absentee for the following reasons only:

1. Absence from the town during the hours the polls are open.

2. Physical disability.

3. Religious beliefs, which prevent voting at the polls on Election Day.

The applicant must request an absentee ballot. Applications are available in the Town Clerk's office or a written, signed request can be sent by mail, or hand delivered by the voter or any other person. The application should include the legal voting address of the voter, where the ballot is to be mailed, and the signature of the applicant.

A family member of a

person qualified to vote by absentee ballot may apply on behalf of such voter. The applicant shall state his or her relationship to the absentee voter; sign the application under the pains and penalties of perjury and mail or hand deliver the application to the clerk's office. Absentee ballots must be mailed to the voter. Returned ballots should be mailed or can be delivered by an immediate member of the family to the Town Clerk's office by May 14 to be counted.

you don't want, which is to give a different candidate more votes in the final tally than the person you actually want elected. If you support two of the candidates, by all means, cast two votes.

Either way, you are neither "good, bad nor ugly" as depicted in a recent cartoon as well as past editorials in the Mariner.

The truly important thing is for citizens to

vote and have their voices heard. The Mariner or anyone else should not denigrate anyone who exercises this right in whatever way it makes sense for them.

I'm voting on Saturday May 14th and I'm only casting one vote for Selectman.

**Caroline Norgeot**  
10 Sarkey Road

result in accelerated speed on this much-travelled road. Already we have many accidents as cars and motorcycles use Atlantic Avenue as a speedway.

The stretch of road between Sandy Beach and the harbor, especially since the expanded town Sailing Club facility was built, is heavily used by children on foot and on bicycle, as well as by adults, with dogs and/or baby carriages. Any increase in speed, which would result from a wider, straighter bridge and road, would further endanger them.

Far better than an eminent domain land-taking to

decrease the curve or widen the road beyond the small amount needed for a minimal safe sidewalk would be a sign saying: SLOW: CURVE AHEAD. No such sign is present now.

This historic bridge has long been a favorite of residents, visitors and artists, for its simple, rustic look. A larger, stream-lined bridge would detract from the beauty of the area, where generations have enjoyed stopping to watch the tides go in and out past the granite rocks for which our town is famous.

**Geneva Higginson**  
159 Atlantic Avenue

## LETTER

## Objects to stance on bullet voting

For some reason the Mariner has decided to make a moral issue out of voting for a single candidate when it is simply basic math. If there are three people running for two seats, and you only feel strongly about one candidate, your 'extra' vote has the very likely possibility of doing exactly what

## Safety should be top priority

Chris Senior and Brian Joyce deserve the thanks of our town for the \$4 million which the State of Massachusetts is offering to ensure the continued strength of Cunningham Bridge.

As negotiations for the exact plans develop, we greatly hope that the Town will put top priority on the safety of the bridge's neighbors and its many users. As currently discussed the amount of widening of the road, together with the reduction in the curve, will both

encourage all citizens to carry a poem in their pockets and be ready, if and when asked, to pull it out and read it. Drop by the library to pick up a free poem to carry.

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## POLITICS

# Millennials building momentum

Panel to look at engaging younger generation

By Neal Simpson

Millennials – that loosely defined generation of Americans aged 18 to 35 – are less likely than their parents to be married, own a home, belong to a religious organization or register with a political party.

They are more likely to be burdened by unemployment, student debt and high rent.

They are also less likely than their parents to go to the polls, but this year, for the first time, Millennials

may represent as many eligible voters as their Baby Boomer parents.

"They are getting proof positive that they are a potent force," said George Donnelly, vice president of Northwind Strategies, pointing to the Millennial-fueled rise of presidential candidate Bernie Sanders, "but it may take a few years to galvanize them around an idea."

Donnelly, a former editor of the Boston Business Journal, will moderate a panel discussion next week with three politically and civically engaged Boston-area Millennials who will be asked why the rest of their generation has yet to embrace the political process and

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what can be done to draw them in.

The discussion will be held at 7:30 a.m. on Monday, April 25, at Massachusetts Continuing Legal Education, 10 Winter Place. The event is hosted by State House News Service and sponsored by GateHouse Media, which owns the Cohasset Mariner. Au Bon Pain will provide a continental breakfast.

The panel will include Eric Lesser, a state senator who has been working to get more Millennials engaged in state government; Dan Koh, the chief of staff to Mayor Marty Walsh; and Andrea Campbell, a Boston City Councilor who recently unseated a Baby Boomer incumbent.

Donnelly said the panel was inspired by a fact-finding tour across the state. Lesser undertook to understand the issues and public policy concerns important to his fellow Millennials, who were often absent from other community events held to gauge voters' concerns. Donnelly said one thing the senator learned

was that state government and politics have not kept up with its younger constituents.

"There's all this immediacy around communication and yet they turn and see a political process that isn't responsive," he said. "It's like their grandfather's political system."

Donnelly said he expects to challenge the panelists, who are all in their 30s, to explore possible policy prescriptions for issues important to Millennials – such as housing, public transportation and student debt – while considering how political leaders can pursue them in the face of the cynicism and disaffection of a generation that

is largely skeptical of the government's ability to do the right thing.

He said he wants to ask the panelists about what personally drew them into the political system and how that can serve as a model for their generational peers.

"What specifically should be done around government, around the process, that will make it more engaging, that will make them feel like they have a voice, that it isn't rigged?" he said.

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## WATER

From Page A1

Cohasset's average daily water use is 68 or 69 gallons per person – not so far above what the state is demanding. But if the Town is forced to cap the amount, it will hurt a lot more than people's lawns.

It'll hurt vegetable gardens, fruit trees, and ornamental shrubs. It'll

hurt local landscaping businesses and gardening stores. And it'll hurt the bottom line for the Water Department, which can't afford to lose the revenue with several big-ticket projects on the horizon.

Coming up, the department plans to paint the water tank, loop dead-end systems to prevent water from stagnating, and, hopefully, remove some fallen trees from the well field.

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A dry summer could drive additional expenses, since it costs more to process water

as the levels get low and the nutrient concentration increases.

On the flip side, the department has revenue coming from Linden Ponds, which purchases water from Cohasset; from Verizon and AT&T, who have antennas atop the two water towers; and from the Town and schools, which were, in the past, less diligent about paying their share of hydrant fees.

But these factors are baseline now. The state drought mandate could tip the budget and force the department to increase water rates or scramble for additional revenue sources – and all for no good reason,

since between Lily Pond and Aaron River Reservoir, there would be more than enough water to go around.

Truly a case of "water, water everywhere – and not a drop to drink."

When the Water Commission brought this issue before the selectmen, they agreed that it was "overreach" and planned to contact state senators with their concerns.

The Water Commission meets with DEP on Tuesday, April 26th to discuss this issue.

—Follow Amanda on Twitter for updates: @ MarinerAmandaT

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## Beacon Hill Roll Call

By Bob Katzen

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Y = Yes; N = No, NV = No Vote (President rarely votes) \* Not every item is voted on by both House and Senate

### \$200 MILLION FOR ROADS AND BRIDGES (H 4189)

House 151-0, Senate 35-0, approved and Gov. Charlie Baker signed into law a bill authorizing the state to borrow \$200 million in one-time funding for the maintenance and repair of local roads and bridges in cities and towns across the state.

Supporters said this would help cities and towns improve their roads and bridges and keep them safe.

Although no legislators voted against the proposal, the Massachusetts Municipal Association had urged legislators to increase the funding to \$300 million per year and have it in effect for several years.

(A "Yes" vote is for the \$200 million.)

Rep. Bruce Ayers	Yes	Rep. Louis Kafka	Yes
Rep. Garrett Bradley	Yes	Rep. Ronald Mariano	Yes
Rep. Thomas Calter	Yes	Rep. Christopher Markey	Yes
Rep. James Cantwell	Yes	Rep. Matthew Muratore	Yes
Rep. Mark Cusack	Yes	Rep. James Murphy	Yes
Rep. Josh Cutler	Yes	Rep. William Straus	Yes
Rep. David DeCoste	Yes	Rep. Walter Timilty	Yes
Rep. Angelo D'Emilia	Yes	Sen. Michael Brady	Yes
Rep. Geoff Diehl	Yes	Sen. Viriato deMacedo	Yes
Rep. Michelle DuBois	Yes	Sen. Brian Joyce	Yes
Rep. William Galvin	Yes	Sen. John Keenan	Yes
Rep. Susan Gifford	Yes	Sen. Mark Montigny	Yes
Rep. Patricia Haddad	Yes	Sen. Marc Pacheco	Yes
Rep. Randy Hunt	Yes	Sen. Michael Rodrigues	Didn't Vote

### RULES FOR HOUSE BUDGET DEBATE (H 4199)

House 116-34, voted strictly along party lines and approved a set of Democratic leadership-sponsored rules to be followed when the House considers the fiscal 2017 state budget beginning on April 25. Provisions include requiring all amendments to be filed online, any proposed tax hikes or reductions to be considered early in the process and amendments to be filed within three days after the budget is filed.

Supporters said that these rules are fair and responsible and will help make the budget debate go smoothly.

Opponents said the rules include several provisions that are anti-democratic and weaken the input of individual members.

(A "Yes" vote is for the rules. A "No" vote is against the rules.)

Rep. Bruce Ayers	Yes	Rep. Susan Gifford	No
Rep. Garrett Bradley	Yes	Rep. Patricia Haddad	Yes
Rep. Thomas Calter	Yes	Rep. Randy Hunt	No
Rep. James Cantwell	Yes	Rep. Louis Kafka	Yes
Rep. Mark Cusack	Yes	Rep. Ronald Mariano	Yes
Rep. Josh Cutler	Yes	Rep. Christopher Markey	Yes
Rep. David DeCoste	No	Rep. Matthew Muratore	No
Rep. Angelo D'Emilia	No	Rep. James Murphy	No
Rep. Geoff Diehl	No	Rep. William Straus	Yes
Rep. Michelle DuBois	Yes	Rep. Walter Timilty	Yes
Rep. William Galvin	Yes	Rep. William Galvin	No

### ALLOW MORE TIME TO FILE BUDGET AMENDMENTS (H 4199)

House 35-15, rejected a Republican-sponsored amendment that would give members seven days instead of three days to file amendments to the fiscal 2017 state budget.

Amendment supporters said the budget is a massive document that members must have time to read and understand before proposing amendments. Amendment opponents said the three-day window has worked well and should not be changed. They noted that the Ways and Means Committee needs the early deadline so it can properly prepare the amendments for debate.

(A "Yes" vote is for allowing more time to file amendments. A "No" vote is against allowing it.)

Rep. Bruce Ayers	No	Rep. Susan Gifford	Yes
Rep. Garrett Bradley	No	Rep. Patricia Haddad	No
Rep. Thomas Calter	No	Rep. Randy Hunt	Yes
Rep. James Cantwell	No	Rep. Louis Kafka	No
Rep. Mark Cusack	No	Rep. Ronald Mariano	No
Rep. Josh Cutler	No	Rep. Christopher Markey	No
Rep. David DeCoste	Yes	Rep. Matthew Muratore	Yes
Rep. Angelo D'Emilia	Yes	Rep. Geoff Diehl	Yes
Rep. Geoff Diehl	Yes	Rep. Michelle DuBois	No
Rep. Michelle DuBois	No	Rep. Walter Timilty	No
Rep. William Galvin	No	Rep. William Galvin	No

### ALLOW MORE TIME TO READ BUDGET AMENDMENTS (H 4199)

House 34-116, voted strictly along party lines and rejected a Republican proposal increasing from 30 minutes to two hours the period given to legislators to read any proposed consolidated amendment to the House budget prior to debate and a vote on it.

Supporters of the new rule said these amendments are often up to 30 pages long and legislators are asked to vote on them while the paper is still warm from the copying machine. They said that this system is anti-democratic and results in members voting on something that they have not even read.

Opponents of the new rule said the current 30-minute rule has worked well.

(A "Yes" vote is for the two hours. A "No" vote is against it.)

Rep. Bruce Ayers	No	Rep. Susan Gifford	Yes
Rep. Garrett Bradley	No	Rep. Patricia Haddad	No
Rep. Thomas Calter	No	Rep. Randy Hunt	Yes
Rep. James Cantwell	No	Rep. Louis Kafka	No
Rep. Mark Cusack	No	Rep. Ronald Mariano	No
Rep. Josh Cutler	No	Rep. Christopher Markey	No
Rep. David DeCoste	Yes	Rep. Matthew Muratore	Yes
Rep. Angelo D'Emilia	Yes	Rep. Geoff Diehl	Yes
Rep. Geoff Diehl	Yes	Rep. Michelle DuBois	No
Rep. Michelle DuBois	No	Rep. Walter Timilty	No
Rep. William Galvin	No	Rep. William Galvin	No

### CONSOLIDATED AMENDMENTS (H 4199)

House 34-116, voted strictly along party lines and rejected a rule that would prohibit more than one consolidated amendment from being considered in a single vote. The consolidated amendment system works as follows when the House is considering the state budget: Individual representatives file dozens of amendments on the same

### MAKE IT HARDER TO SHIP BUDGET AMENDMENTS OFF TO STUDY COMMITTEES (H 4199)

House 34-115, voted strictly along party lines and rejected a rule requiring a two-thirds vote to ship proposed amendments off to a study committee unless the sponsor of the original amendment agrees with conducting a study.

The rule was designed to stop what Republicans describe as successful attempts by Speaker DeLeo and his Democratic leadership team to prevent Democratic members from having to vote directly against many GOP proposals including ones to reduce taxes.

Here's an example of how the GOP says it works: The Republicans offer a proposal to reduce the income tax from 5.1 percent back to 5 percent. If the Democratic leadership does nothing, there would be a roll call vote directly on the tax reduction.

Most Democrats would vote against the reduction and then would be open to changes of being against tax relief.

Instead, a Democratic member offers a "delaying" amendment that would prohibit the tax reduction from taking effect until the Department of Revenue studies its economic impact.

Under House rules, the amendment to study and delay the tax cut is voted upon first. If it passes, which it always does, no other amendments can be introduced and the original proposal that would simply cut the tax is dead without ever having a direct vote on it.

Republicans say the studies are a sham because they are never done. They say this is all pre-planned by the Democratic leadership when the presiding officer at the podium calls upon a Democratic representative who is loyal to him and the member proposes the delay and study. Even if a Republican member is waving his or her hand and shouting to be recognized, he or she will not be called upon because he or she would not propose the delay and study.

Some Democrats say the study is often a legitimate option to examine the impact of the tax reduction. Other Democrats acknowledge that the study is proposed to prevent a direct vote on the tax reduction.

Supporters of the proposed rule said this Democratic ploy is used to confuse voters. They argued that the new rule would at least give supporters of tax reduction amendments a better opportunity to successfully force a vote directly on the tax cuts.

Opponents of the proposed rule said the current system has worked fine and argued that requiring a two-thirds majority for further amendments was simply another procedural delaying tactic by the minority party. They said that raising the bar to a two-thirds majority is a slippery slope that will lead to proposals to require a two-thirds vote for all kinds of legislation.

(A "Yes" vote is for the rule requiring a two-thirds vote. A "No" vote is against the rule.)

Rep. Bruce Ayers	No	Rep. Susan Gifford	Yes
Rep. Garrett Bradley	No	Rep. Patricia Haddad	No
Rep. Thomas Calter	No	Rep. Randy Hunt	Yes
Rep. James Cantwell	No	Rep. Louis Kafka	No
Rep. Mark Cusack	No	Rep. Ronald Mariano	No
Rep. Josh Cutler	No	Rep. Christopher Markey	No
Rep. David DeCoste	Yes	Rep. Matthew Muratore	Yes
Rep. Angelo D'Emilia	Yes	Rep. James Murphy	No
Rep. Geoff Diehl	Yes	Rep. William Straus	No
Rep. Michelle DuBois	No	Rep. Walter Timilty	No
Rep. William Galvin	No	Rep. William Galvin	No

### TAKING DRIVERS' LICENSES AWAY FROM TAGGERS AND VANDALS (S 727)

The Senate 28-7, approved and sent to the House two similar bills. One would repeal a current law that requires anyone convicted of tagging to have his or her driver's license suspended, regardless of whether the crime itself involved driving a vehicle.

The other would repeal a similar law that requires anyone convicted of vandalism to have his or her license suspended, regardless of whether the crime itself involved driving a vehicle.

(A "Yes" vote is for the bill. A "No" vote is against it.)

# QUESTION OF THE WEEK

## THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

For Selectman Candidates:

Are Cohasset's annual legal/litigation costs high for a town its size? What can selectmen do to rein in this line item?

### Steve Gaumer

It's often easier to identify the symptom, rather than the illness.

Yes, Cohasset's legal costs have historically been higher than peer communities, though recently have trended lower. We live in a litigious world, in which people will sue their neighbors or their community for slights either real or perceived.

Our legal costs have most often involved land use and labor issues, two areas fraught with legal landmines. Our costs have been a function of our entanglements, and our entanglements have most often been driven by our own shortcomings:

■ Failure to recognize legal risks before we encounter them;

■ Operating our regulatory bodies in an inconsistent, non-compliant, opaque fashion;

■ Failure to take remedial steps after recognizing our legal risks (failure to learn);

Simply put, we (Town Government) have needed for years to "step up" our game, expect more from ourselves and our counsel. Legal advice is most effective when it assists in avoiding risks. If we avoid encountering problems, we avoid the potential for legal entanglement.

Thorough and regular



Steve Gaumer.

training for our regulatory bodies is necessary to avoid frivolous actions, and to produce supportable, defensible rulings.

Finally, remedial steps include creating processes for review and action, intending to eliminate most of the contributory causes for legal entanglements. For example, legal costs were at the forefront in my 2013 Selectman campaign. At that time, I pushed hard to establish an HR function, since we continued to encounter expensive employee disputes. The HR function is established now and functioning well. Our labor related legal expenses have been reduced substantially.

We will never be able to avoid legal battles entirely, though we can reduce or eliminate our self-inflicted wounds.

### Jack Keniley

At the end of 2012 the Boston Globe published an article that identified Cohasset as having legal expenditures that were 5 times as much as other Massachusetts towns our size. Litigation costs were a reflection of many of the governance and accounting challenges facing the town. Since 2012 the town has made significant progress towards managing the cost of litigation. In fiscal year 2012 the town spent approximately \$350,000, this year approximately \$175,000.

Today most of our legal expenses are not a result of actions of the selectmen or directly within their control. Our independent boards, acting under statutory powers and individuals demanding redress for grievances of one kind or another create legal cost. According to Chris Senior, more than 65 percent of legal expenses this year, is a result of property rights disputes brought by citizens challenging decisions made by the town's regulatory bodies.

These suits are likely to continue. Development is being driven by the opening of the sewer system to properties that were previously restricted and



Jack Keniley.

a rapid increase in land prices.

As a member of the Governance Committee and the Capital Budget Committee, I advocated for and worked hard to implement a better accounting and finance system and the hiring of a human resource manager so that the town manager had the tools he needed to manage legal costs more effectively.

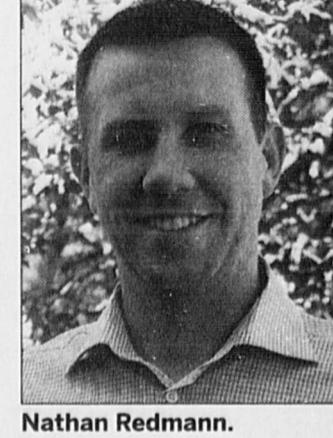
As a selectman I will push to manage the regulatory litigation risks by giving the regulatory committees the tools they need to do their jobs: training and support so that they understand how to use their statutory authority effectively and a complete overhaul of the construction and permitting process.

### Nathan Redmann

Cohasset's annual legal and litigation costs, while high, are necessary to protect the taxpayers and our Town Manager, elected and appointed officials, and town employees from liability resulting from their actions as agents of the town. Though necessary, there are ways to mitigate our exposure to lawsuits and better manage these costs.

Education — The education of employees on town policies and procedures is paramount to protecting Cohasset from civil liability resulting from general negligence. In addition, educating board and committee members regarding open meeting laws and the bylaws under their authority should be a primary objective for the town. Proper education empowers members to make decisions within the law, equips them with the skills to make fully informed decisions, and provides knowledge on how to handle conflicts of interest.

Transparency — It is also imperative that the Board of Selectman strive for transparency in committee appointments to ensure members act independently on matters before them. The Board of Selectmen and the Troika should publish criteria used to select members for each committee, conduct



Nathan Redmann.

due diligence to establish candidates capabilities and rule out conflicts of interest, and publish a report of the selection process to back up their choices.

Diversity — Cohasset citizens also have an important role to play. Our community is teeming with educated and experienced residents whose voices need to be heard and included in town discussions. By volunteering for town service and electing officials with a diversity of expertise, experience, and perspective, we can ensure that future decisions are vetted and analyzed through multiple viewpoints.

Collectively, education, transparency, and the diversification of experience provide Cohasset opportunities to mitigate risk and better manage these costs.

## NEXT WEEK'S QUESTION

**For Selectman Candidates:** Has the time come to reconstitute the Economic Development Committee with the charge of looking at ways to increase the town's commercial tax base with the goal of lessening the tax burden on residential property owners?

Responses should be brief — no more than 275 words — and must be received by 5 p.m.

Tuesday. Candidates are asked to be specific and make every word count. Submissions will be cut if they exceed the word limit. (We use the word-count feature on the computer to determine the number of words.)

Candidates should reply by e-mail at [mford@wickedlocal.com](mailto:mford@wickedlocal.com).

The Mariner will also publish a weekly Candidates' Corner, which will be limited

to a few paragraphs (a total of about 175 words), from any candidate who chooses to submit dates of coffees, fund-raisers, short issue statements and the like.

All candidates opposed or unopposed (who have not already done so) are invited to submit photographs and formal statements announcing their candidacies.

The Mariner will not accept letters to the

editor from candidates or letters endorsing or attacking particular candidates in the Town Election. The Mariner will publish letters about campaign issues from citizens not seeking election.

If you have questions, or would like to suggest a Question of the Week, call Mary Ford at 781-741-2933 or contact her by e-mail at [mford@wickedlocal.com](mailto:mford@wickedlocal.com).

## POLITICS

# Senate hopefuls racing to special election

By Alice Coyle  
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It'll be a four-week sprint to the May 10 special election, but senate candidates Joan Meschino and Patrick O'Connor have to be ready to keep running for the seat.

The Hull Democrat and Weymouth Republican handily defeated challengers Paul Gannon of Hingham and Stephen Gill of Marshfield in the April 12 primary; Meschino over Gannon 3,713-2,337 and O'Connor overwhelmingly topped Gill, 3,646-716.

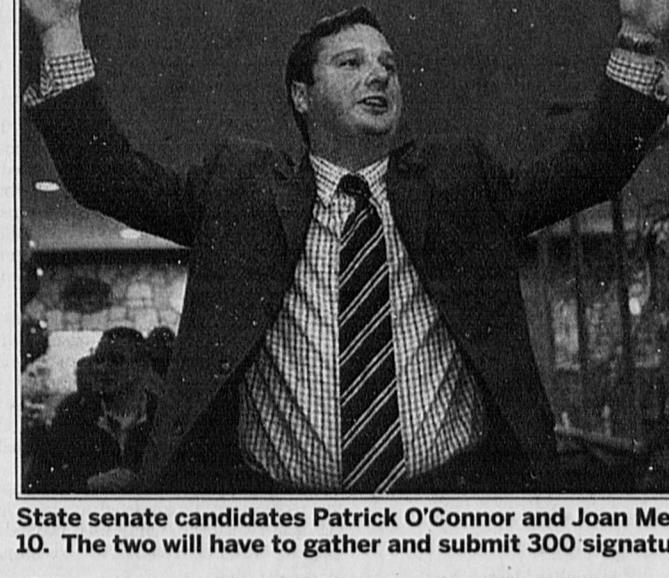
While they continue to campaign for next month's special election, O'Connor and Meschino are also gathering signatures to keep or run for the seat again in the fall when there is likely to be a more crowded race for senator of the eight-town Plymouth and Norfolk district.

"It's definitely a unique dynamic," O'Connor said, noting in his years working at the State House he hasn't come across this kind of election timing before.

"We knew there would be challenges with the timeframe when (nomination) papers were due," he said. "But we've been out collecting signatures and are prepared to see it through the November election. We're ready to keep campaigning."

Meschino said she knew the timing of the elections would overlap and "it would be a little crazy," but she has been able to run her special election campaign this spring while gathering signatures for the fall run.

"I already have what I need, but am going for double the number," said Meschino, who in light of this very busy election



State senate candidates Patrick O'Connor and Joan Meschino won't be done campaigning if they are elected May 10. The two will have to gather and submit 300 signatures by May 3 to run for the seat again in the fall.

**"We've been out collecting signatures and are prepared to see it through the November election. We're ready to keep campaigning."**

Patrick O'Connor



**"There's a lot going on in the senate right now and it's an exciting time to be involved. I'm eager to get to work."**

Joan Meschino

season, plans to get her signatures in well in advance of the deadline.

To run in the general election in the fall, nomination papers with the required 300 signatures must be submitted to local registrars

of voters by May 3 — a week

before the special election

— and certified signatures

filed with the Secretary of

State's office by May 31, said

Brian McNiff, a spokesman

in the elections division.

The senate primary is

Thursday, Sept. 8 and the

general election will be held

Tuesday, Nov. 8.

The candidates who fell short in last week's special senate primary — Gill and Gannon — are also gathering signatures for a fall run.

Gill, a Marshfield attorney and member of the US Navy Reserve JAG corps, entered the race late and did no fundraising for the primary. He said he will officially launch his fall campaign and begin

fundraising after he has all the required signatures.

"I've had so much fun,"

Gill said of campaigning and getting to speak to voters. "I can't wait to do it again."

While this was not his first campaign, Gannon said he also enjoyed the process.

"I reconnected with old friends and met a lot of people with important issues to talk about."

Gannon is also planning

to give it another go in the fall. "I'm going to put myself in a position to run," he said.

"I'm keeping my options open. A lot will depend on what happens in the May 10 election."

For now, Gannon said he is supporting Meschino. "Joan and I both pledged to support each other in May," he said. "I'm happy for her and supporting her."

Duxbury resident Brian Cook is another likely senate candidate for the fall. Cook,

who initially announced his candidacy in January, decided to forego running in the special to have more time to campaign for the general election.

"I am excited about the possibility of being a representative of the district I grew up in and have lived in all of my life," said Cook, who will run as a Democrat in the fall.

Tuesday's low election turnout across the district was disappointing to all the candidates.

"This is a very important (senate) seat," Gannon said. "I'm not sure whether it's that people have busy lives and weren't plugged in or it was the weather."

Meschino said there seemed to be confusion

and a lack of awareness among voters who in some cases will head to the polls four times in a two-month span. In Norwell and Marshfield, town elections have been aligned with the special senate election, but Meschino said it has still been a very hectic and confusing season with a presidential primary, two senate elections and annual town elections.

Meschino said she had to remind people to vote April 12 right up until the week of the primary.

"I think a lot of people were looking ahead to the fall and expecting it would happen then. This election was just so off cycle and really dropped in the middle of a very busy time

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in the district," she said.

With the special election just three weeks away, Meschino and O'Connor are determined to get out the vote hoping for a better turnout May 10.

"We're motivated to keep knocking on doors, making calls and talking to as many people as possible," O'Connor said.

Meschino said she is trying to connect with voters as well through door knocking, phone calls, attending local events and scheduling "as many meet and greets as humanly possible" before the election.

Both candidates are also preparing to hit the ground running as the new senator. Meschino said keeping tabs on the House budget and is reaching out to area state representatives to find out what their priorities are and then be prepared to make them priorities across the district.

O'Connor, who was former Senator Robert Hedlund's legislative director for eight years, said he's stayed in touch with legislators he worked with and has also been following the budget closely.

"I'm working to make sure I'm absolutely knowledgeable and ready to get to work on day one," he said.

"There's a lot going on in the senate right now and it's an exciting time to be involved," Meschino said. "I'm eager to get to work."

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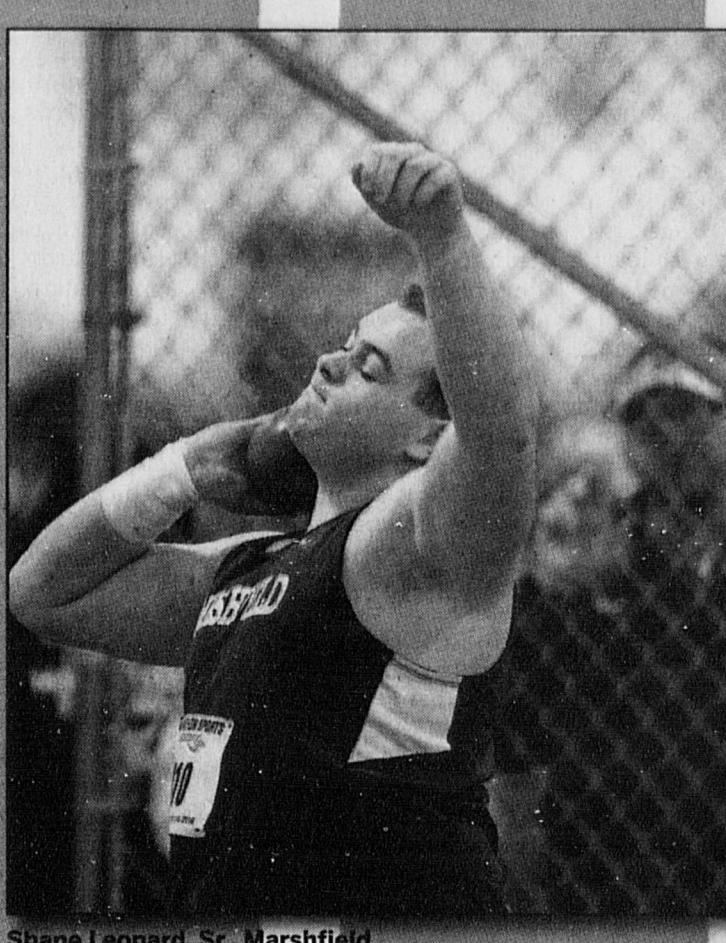
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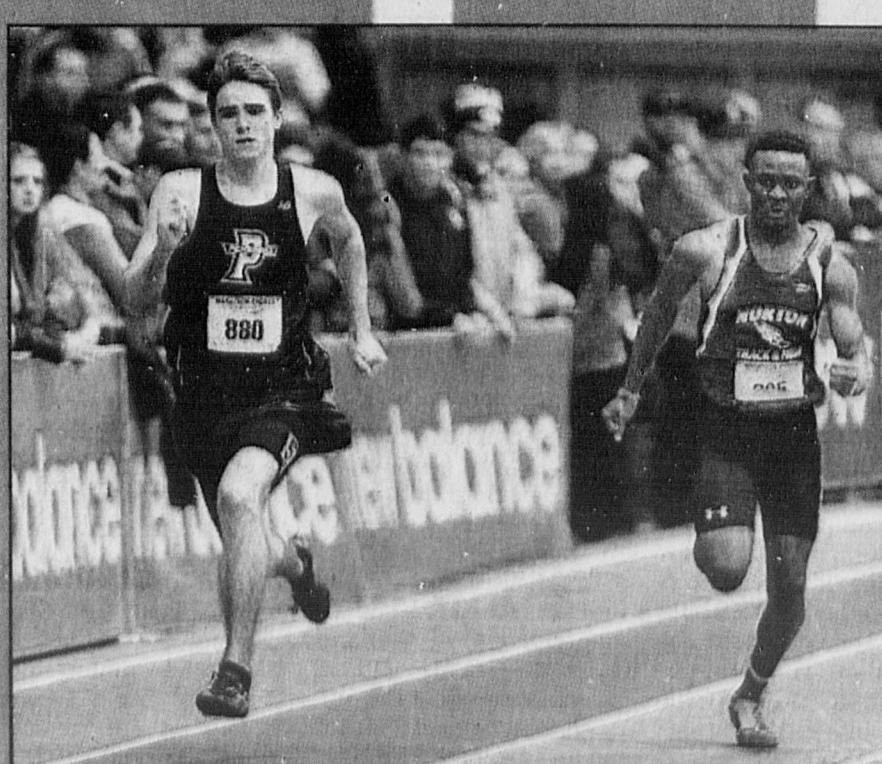
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## AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL

### Post 118 tryouts

Cohasset/Scituate Post 118 American Legion baseball will host tryouts Sunday May 1 at 3 p.m. at Scituate High School.

Players from Scituate, Cohasset and Norwell may try out. For more information, contact Scott Arnold, [sarnold65@comcast.net](mailto:sarnold65@comcast.net)

## BASEBALL

### Jr. American Legion meeting

There will be an informational meeting for parents Tuesday, April 26 at 7 p.m. at the Cohasset American Legion Post 98 on Summer Street, and tryouts will be Sunday, May 1 at 3 p.m. at the Scituate High School varsity field. The team will play an 18-game schedule, mostly with three games per week. Home games are at Scituate High School at either 7:30 or 8 p.m.

Opponents will be Braintree, Quincy, Holbrook, Canton and Dedham.

## YOUTH FOOTBALL/ CHEERLEADING

### Registration

SciCoh Football and Cheerleading registration is now open for the 2016 season.

Players must be 7 years old by Sept. 1, 2016 in order to play.

Players also cannot turn age 15 prior to Nov. 15, 2016. Register at <https://reg.sportspilot.com/105547>

### Football:

Regular Registration is March 16-June 15 Late Registration June 16-July 31

### Cheer:

Early Registration March 15-April 15 Regular Registration April 16-May 15 Late Registration May 16-June 30

## YOUTH BASEBALL/ SOFTBALL

### Opening Day Parade

The CYBSA opening day parade will be held Saturday April 30 at 8 a.m. The parade will start at the common and continue down the Main Street to the Barnes complex baseball fields. The Deer Hill marching band along with Cohasset's finest will accompany all the players. Come out and enjoy a great family event.

## COHASSET HALL OF FAME

### Accepting nominations

The Cohasset High School Athletic Hall of Fame Committee is now accepting nominations for the 2016 Hall of Fame Class. Families, friends, fans, and CHS Alumni are asked to assist the Hall

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## BASEBALL

# UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT

Baseball debuts with new coach Mike Larsen

By Mark Ducharme  
Correspondent

For new Cohasset baseball coach Mike Larsen, the beginning of the season is a so far, so good - for the most part - scenario.

There has been both good and bad news early on.

Good news for Larsen is that he has watched his team do what he has wanted them to do.

The tough news for the Skippers is that despite doing good things on the field they lost their first two games of the season.

Cohasset fell to both Monomy, 4-3 and Abington, 8-4.

That fact doesn't dampen Larsen's enthusiasm.

"I have a fantastic group of kids," said Larsen. "We are hitting the ball very well, but we are not getting the big hit."

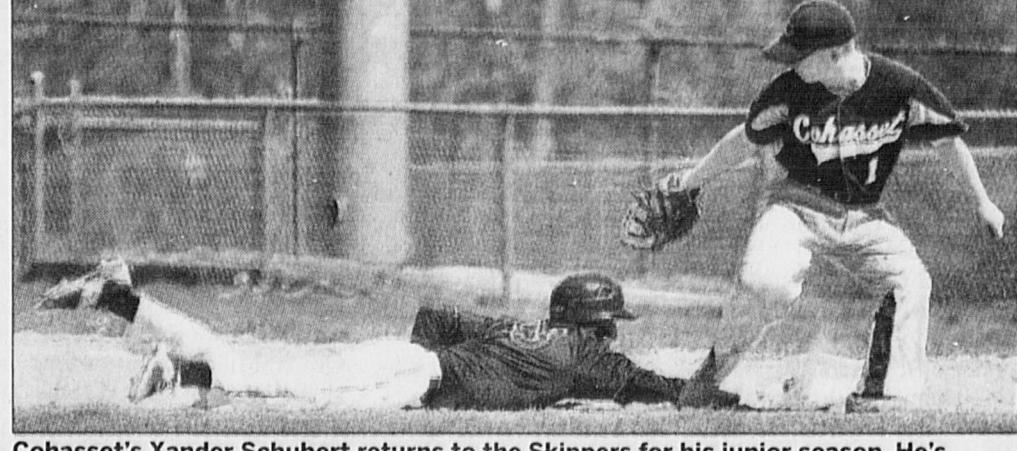
The Skippers have left 23 runners on base in their first two games of the season and they hope to turn things around coming up with the big hit in their home-and-home non-league games with Scituate on April 22 (home, 2 p.m.) and 23 (away, noon).

Those games are always unpredictable and a lot of fun, partially because many of the players know each other through SciCoh football and American Legion baseball, where the towns play together.

Larsen has spent the past few seasons next door to Cohasset as an assistant coach at Hull for Mike O'Donnell.

He played college baseball at Southern Vermont before coaching with O'Donnell.

Photo by William Wassersug



Cohasset's Xander Schubert returns to the Skippers for his junior season. He's expected to give Cohasset many strong innings on the hill. WICKED LOCAL PHOTO / WILLIAM WASSERSUG

"It adds a little bit of intrigue," laughed Larsen about moving over from Hull to Cohasset. "It is so nice to be so close to home."

Larsen isn't shy asking for advice.

"Coach O'Donnell has helped me a lot," he said. "Coach (Pete) Afanasiw (who

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Cohasset's Xander Schubert returns to the Skippers for his junior season. He's expected to give Cohasset many strong innings on the hill. WICKED LOCAL PHOTO / WILLIAM WASSERSUG

schedule that weather creates in the spring. He will continue to coach football at Cohasset.

Larsen has a group of veteran players that have had success in their careers at Cohasset.

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## BOYS LACROSSE

# Blazing hot

Laxmen win five straight

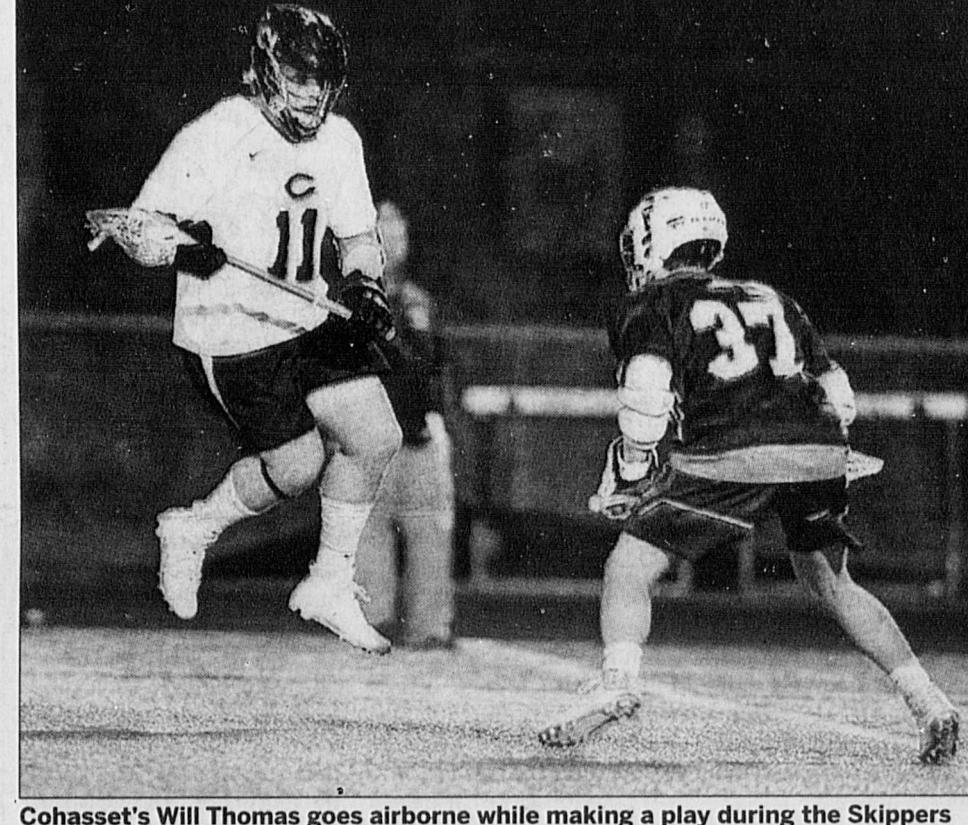
By William Wassersug  
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The Cohasset boys lacrosse team is back in a big way - not that they ever went anywhere.

After losing their season-opener 10-9 in overtime to a very solid Newton North team that features one of the best attacks in the state, the Skippers won their next five games as they headed into a loaded spring break tournament at Weston High School.

The tournament, which Cohasset joined after leaving the local Chowda Cup Tournament, features Grafton (5-0), Hamilton-Wenham or Weston Saturday April 23 at either 1 p.m. or 3 p.m.

The Skippers opened with Grafton on Thursday



Cohasset's Will Thomas goes airborne while making a play during the Skippers 8-7 win over Franklin, April 16 at Cohasset High School. COURTESY PHOTO/DAN LEAHY

April 21 (result unavailable at press time), and will face either Hamilton-Wenham or Weston Saturday April 23 at either 1 p.m. or 3 p.m.

Cohasset coach James

Beaudoin felt the Chowda Cup had too many opponents they already play and wanted to get a different look. He had also looked into games against highly-rated

out-of-state teams.

The Skippers had an impressive 8-7 overtime win over Div. 1 Franklin, April 16.

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## GIRLS LACROSSE

# Cruising on the road

Laxwomen roll over Winchester

The Cohasset Mariner

The Cohasset girls lacrosse team hit the road for the first time this season, traveling to Winchester on Wednesday April 20, where they cruised to a 20-6 win.

Winchester scored the first goal of the game on a free position shot but the Skippers came roaring back, scoring seven straight goals led by Corey Golden's three scores. Cohasset continued their domination throughout the first half as Laney Hixson (7 draw controls), Elle Hansen (6 draw controls) and Jane Hansen (5 draw controls) kept the ball away from Winchester and pushed the pace on the fast break.

The Skippers ran away with the game before the half was over and went into the break with a 15-4 lead.

The second half saw more

of the same as Cohasset increased the lead to 20-4 with nearly 10 minutes left before taking their foot off the gas. Goalie Jenny Wolfe made several nice saves and clears leading the defense along with Kyle Burke, Lauren Canning and Caelin McDonald.

The Hansen sisters led the scoring barrage with Elle finishing the day with four goals and six assists and Jane notching two goals and five assists. Callie O'Neill also had a big game with four goals and an assist followed by Ally Leahy with three goals and Marina Longo with two goals and one assist.

In previous action, Wednesday April 13 the Skippers hosted the Mashpee Falcons at Alumni Field in a one-sided 16-1 win for Cohasset.

Elle Hansen had four goals and three assists and McDonald also had four goals and two assists. Sophomore Kate Quigley had two goals and

## GIRLS LACROSSE



Cohasset girls lacrosse captains Corey Golden and Kyle Burke. WICKED LOCAL PHOTO/WILLIAM WASSERSUG

# Setting the tone

Captains big part of new culture

By William Wassersug  
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The Cohasset girls lacrosse team is off to another fantastic start this season, winning its first four games in style.

One reason for the team's success is the leadership of

senior captains Corey Golden and Kyle Burke, who have been instrumental in helping a talented group of younger players step up and contribute to what has been a true team effort.

"We have a lot of upcoming underclassmen," Golden said. "We're working to play as a team every game. We have

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## FOOTBALL

# Storm warning

Hurricanes, a semi-pro team, coming to town this summer

By Chris McDaniel  
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The Marshfield High football team won't be the only gridiron gang calling the friendly confines of James G. Anderson Field home.

The Marshfield Hurricanes of the Eastern Football League, a semi-pro league, will be playing their home games at MHS in the middle of the summer.

"We have the recipe for success this year," said Hurricanes general manager Andrew Graziano. "We have a high school that's welcomed us. We have players and staff. We have great sponsors and we have fans that are also extremely excited."

The Hurricanes are a new organization that branched off the Plymouth Rocks. The Rocks returned to the EFL after a 35-year hiatus

last season.

After the long layoff the Rocks finished 2-8 and eighth in the nine-team league. They dropped their final six games of the season after a 2-2 start. Plymouth ended the season with home games at MHS.

"Being a first-year team I think we lacked depth, not talent," said Graziano. "Those challenges are really difficult to overcome."

Although the Hurricanes are a new team, they will be led by the Fossetti brothers - John (head coach) and Paul (offensive coordinator) - who coached the Rocks last season. Their roster will also boast several former Plymouth players.

"One of our team principles is family and that's foundational within the team," said Graziano. "We play hard. It's good, fundamental football but it's also unpredictable. We're not predictable but we play hard. Coach (John) Fossetti always has a few plays up his sleeve that take the other team by surprise."



During Sunday's practice at Pembroke High, Marshfield Hurricane linemen perfect their technique using their hands while blocking. The Hurricanes are a first-year semi-pro football team in the Eastern Football League. WICKED LOCAL STAFF PHOTO / ALYSSA STONE

The Hurricanes' season opens in July and lasts into the fall. The EFL includes local teams like the Bay State Bucs, Taunton Gladiators, Middleboro Cobras and Quincy Militia to name a few.

Fossetti has coached at the high school level at Plymouth North and Cardinal Spellman. Fossetti founded the Gladiators in 2009 and coached them to a championship in their second year in 2010.

Currently the Hurricanes are hosting practices every

Sunday at Pembroke High at 5 p.m. Players are welcome to join the team.

"I think anyone who is passionate about play will get some play time," said Graziano. "Anyone who shows up prepared mentally and physically, regardless of aptitude, will get a chance to play on the team."

The Hurricanes plan to become familiar faces throughout Marshfield. Graziano said the team would volunteer at different events throughout the year.

## HOCKEY

# Toros to face Whalers in Winter Championship

South Coastal Hockey League roundup through April 18

By Mark Ducharme  
Correspondent

The South Coastal Hockey League Winter Season championship game will feature the top offensive team against the top defensive team in the league.

The top defensive team, the

Sharks needed to go through a little extra to pull out a 1-0 win over the Whalers in the semifinals.

Pembroke's Bill Sawtelle scored on the eighth round of the shoot out to give the Sharks the win. The Sharks won the shootout by a 3-2 score.

Whalers goalie Joe Alibrandi stopped 29 shots in the game including many spectacular stops.

The Toros were the top offensive team in the league and they defeated the Crusaders, 5-1.

Paul Brinkman and Norwell's James Ward had a goal and an assist each for the Toros. Steve Figlioli, Mike Martin of Pembroke and Joe Spagenerger of Scituate added a goal each for the Toros while Mike Simon scored for the Crusaders.

The Sharks won two of the three games during the season against the Toros which were all decided by a goal. The Sharks won one game in overtime, 1-0 and the Toros won the last meeting, 2-1 on a goal by John Tympanick with 1:2

seconds left.

The two teams will play their championship game at the Hobomock Arena in Pembroke on April 24 at 3:30 p.m.

The Stingers in a consolation round game got three goals and two assists by Jim Callahan in their 10-5 win over the Stingers. Pembroke's Scott Kelly added two goals and two assists in the game for the Stingers.

Jim Ford scored four goals and Mike Ryan had four assists for the Saints.

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three freshman attackers and a few sophomores who help well. This is my second year as a captain.

When you're younger, you need to know your position and place. I know I need to speak up and help my teammates."

Golden leads by example, but also leads with her words.

"Each year, captains have different mindsets," she said. "I'm vocal on the field. I try to push teammates. That's my style. I'm stern, but fun."

Golden said that having fun

and helping teammates have fun is important.

"We're having a lot of fun," she said. "As a team we mesh well together."

Burke leads differently.

"I'm not the most vocal," she said. "I'm definitely more action oriented."

Burke, who plays defense, likes what she has seen from Cohasset's defense.

The team's close nature can help.

"We're all close friends," Burke said. "We see each other all the time. When the time for lacrosse is here we forget everything else and focus."

Both captains look to coach Kully Reardon for inspiration.

Reardon is in her fourth year leading the Skippers, and she considers the captains a special group - the first who have been with her from the start.

"They're my babies," Reardon said. "They're such good leaders. I think leadership-wise, they're the best I've had at Cohasset. They lead by example. They're not loud or boisterous. They just get the job done. It's a really nice feeling to have that. It's like when I was coaching at Babson, it took me three or four years to create a culture. Now they know expectations and they get it. It makes my job easier."

## BASEBALL

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are throwing to freshman catcher Michael Milanowski.

"Both Xander and Michael are going with the approach that I have asked of them," said Larsen. "Getting ahead of the hitters."

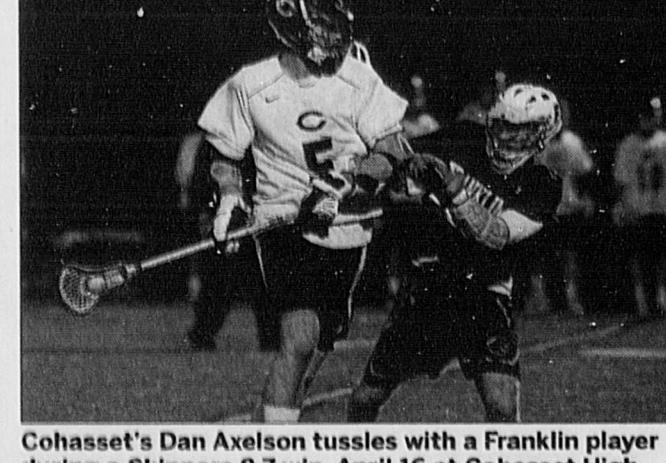
Behind the plate, Milanowski has done well.

"Michael Milanowski has been up for the challenge to be the starting catcher."

"We also have a great middle of the infield that we can rely on."

Senior second baseman Zack Silva and junior shortstop Liam O'Connell man the middle of the infield for the Skippers who looked to break loose offensively.

The Skippers will be at Rockland for a 4 p.m. start April 26 and host Mashpee April 28 at 4 p.m.



Cohasset's Dan Axelson tussles with a Franklin player during a Skippers 8-7 win, April 16 at Cohasset High School. COURTESY PHOTO/DAN LEAHY

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Danny Axelson scored what turned out to be the game winner with a little more than five minutes to play.

Axelson finished with two goals, as did Will Thomas.

Also scoring were Ryan Donovan, Jack Donohue,

Sam Sullivan and Kyle McFerridge. Other wins in the five game streak were Rockland (13-3), Division 1 Catholic Memorial (6-4), Abington (11-1) and Mashpee (18-2).

The Skippers will head to Hull, Monday April 25, and will host East Bridgewater April 26.

Norwell is the next guest of the Skippers as they visit Cohasset April 28.

## G LACROSSE

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Longo also had two goals. Scoring single goals for the Lady Skippers were sophomore Olivia Coveney, senior Maddy O'Neill, Jane Hansen and freshman Julia Placek. Hixson won eight faceoffs and Jane Hansen won four faceoffs.

Playing well on defense were Bennett Tierney, Cunningham and Burke as the Lady Skippers cruised to the 16-1 victory.

The Skippers are now 4-0 and will face two tough opponents at home in Wellesley on Friday April 22 (2:30 p.m.) and Walpole on Monday April 25 (4 p.m.).

Wednesday April 27, the Lady Skippers will make their first visit to East Bridgewater to face the Lady Vikings in a 4 p.m. start.

Thursday April 28 Cohasset will travel to Norwell to face the Lady Skippers in a 5:30 p.m. South Shore League battle that could be for first place.

Last year, Norwell beat Cohasset in the South Sectional Final.

"Wellesley will be a challenge," Cohasset coach Kully Reardon said. "Walpole will also be a big challenge. These teams should help us get ready for Norwell."

Shaun Galvin contributed to this report

## NOTES

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of Fame Committee in putting together Hall of Fame application packets for prospective candidates for the November 2016 induction. The Hall of Fame Committee will be voting on nominated teams in May and nominated individuals in June. In order for a candidate or team to be considered a nomination packet must be completed on their behalf. Packets will be available at the following locations:

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You can also reach the CHS Athletic Hall of Fame Committee by contacting Athletic Director Ron Ford at: Ron Ford, Athletic Director

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## GIRLS GOLF

## Tee Club scholarship

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You must include the name of the facility or golf professional. Essays are limited to 800 words and must include your contact information, including your age and email address.

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## Massachusetts AFL-CIO endorses O'Connor for Senate

Plymouth and Norfolk State Senate candidate Patrick O'Connor has received the endorsement of the Massachusetts AFL-CIO and multiple labor organizations throughout the Boston and South Shore region.

In addition to the AFL-CIO, O'Connor has been endorsed by the Sheet Metal Workers' Local Union 17, Bricklayers and Allied Craftsmen Local 3, and the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners Local 424.

O'Connor, the Weymouth Town Council President and Legislative Director for former Senator Bob Hedlund, said he's honored to have been selected to receive the support of so many organizations which are

made up of extremely hard working men and women in the region.

"I was raised by a union plumber and a union nurse in a family that valued hard work" said O'Connor. "I will be the voice on Beacon Hill sticking up for working families and advocating for our middle class."

O'Connor said he has been involved, as both Town Councilor and Legislative Director, in many recent development projects such as the Fore River Bridge in Weymouth, the seawalls in Scituate, and the construction of Duxbury's new high school.

"I have great respect for union workers. Labor is the backbone of our district's

workforce and it will play a powerful role in the revitalization of our economy," he said.

Patrick said his message of ending partisan divide and working together to provide solutions to problems has led to a unique coalition between Governor Baker, former Senator Hedlund, Massachusetts AFL-CIO, and many Democratic, Republican, and Independent municipal officials across the district.

"I'm honored to have such a broad range of support," O'Connor said. "I believe being able to bridge gaps and put aside differences will allow us to solve the problems facing the South Shore and our Commonwealth."

## Attorney General Maura Healey endorses Meschino for Senate

State Senate candidate Joan Meschino, a non-profit executive and former Hull Selectman has been endorsed by Massachusetts Attorney General Maura Healey.

"I'm proudly supporting Joan Meschino because she is the most qualified candidate running to represent the South Shore in the State Senate," Healey said. "Joan has focused much of her career advocating for those without a voice and standing up for the South Shore. We need her in the State Senate. Joan shares my values and as State Senator, she

will be a great partner for me on issues that we've prioritized, including combating the opioid epidemic that is devastating our communities, economic security and collaborating regionally to address climate change and sea level rise."

"I am very excited to have Maura Healey supporting my campaign for State Senate. Maura understands the issues that matter to the South Shore, and it's great to have her in my corner," Meschino said. "Maura has been a statewide leader fighting the opiate crisis ravaging our towns,

and I look forward to working with her to tackle this and other critical issues impacting our region."

Meschino is a lifelong South Shore resident and lives in Hull with her husband, John. In addition to being a former Hull Selectman, Meschino is currently a member of Metropolitan Beaches Commission and the Metropolitan Area Planning Council. Most recently, she served as Executive Director for the Massachusetts Appleseed Center for Law and Justice, a public interest law center.

### CANDIDATES CORNER

#### O'Connor campaign seeking volunteers

The O'Connor campaign is looking for volunteers to knock on doors, make phone calls, hold signs, and do office work at the headquarters in Weymouth.

"This campaign is made up of hardworking men and women from across the district that want to bring change to Beacon Hill," said Patrick O'Connor, who serves as Weymouth's Town Council President. "Whether you are a

Democrat, Republican, or Independent, we welcome you to join our campaign, work to make the difference we want to see in this state, and have some fun."

O'Connor, who also served as former Senator Robert Hedlund's Legislative Director for eight years, said volunteers should go to the campaign's website [www.OConnorForSenate.com](http://www.OConnorForSenate.com), call the campaign at 781-626-4031 or stop by the office at 777 Broad Street to help out with the campaign.

### STATE SENATE RACE

## Question of the week

*Candidates for State Senate in the Plymouth and Norfolk district responded to the following question of the week:*

**What do you like about the opioid legislation lawmakers recently passed and what additional measures would you have pushed for in the bill?**

#### Joan Meschino, Democrat

Thousands of families across the South Shore have been devastated by highly addictive opiates and the lack of access to treatment options. As State Senator, I will be a strong advocate to open up access to treatment beds, support legislation that holds health care providers accountable, and expand the use of drug courts that focus on rehabilitation, not incarceration. The stakes are high because countless lives are on the line every day, and these are the lives of our children, our neighbors, and our friends.

I applaud the bipartisanship efforts of the Legislature and Governor with their recent signing of the Opioid Treatment, Education and Prevention Law, and I will work tirelessly to support the efforts of so many people dedicated to tackling this urgent public health crisis.

Last year, 25 percent of all fatal overdoses occurred

in Plymouth and Norfolk counties, making us one of the hardest hit regions in the entire state. This is why the South Shore needs a legislative leader dedicated to this issue.

As Senator, combating the opiate crisis will be one of my top priorities. If elected, the first thing I will do is to ask the Senate President to appoint me to the Special Committee on Opioid Addiction Prevention, Treatment and Recovery Options. Last week, when the Senate President came to Weymouth to support my campaign, we had a lengthy conversation about how to better address this public health crisis.

I think the recent legislation will be effective in providing much needed education to young people and reducing irresponsible quantities of painkillers being prescribed to patients. The new law also enhances prescription reporting and holds prescribers more accountable.

Where I think we need to push further is to increase funding for Commonwealth Drug Courts that prioritize effective pathways to treatment over incarceration, and enhancing enforcement to crack down on negligent doctors and drug companies that violate the law in over-prescribing medication to increase their profits.

While this legislation is

a major step in the right direction, we must continually revisit where it is effective and develop new strategies where gaps remain.

#### Patrick O'Connor, Republican

We are facing an unprecedented drug epidemic in Massachusetts and the South Shore, and with each year it grows worse. In passing and signing the Opioid Bill into law, Gov. Baker and the Massachusetts Legislature have shown remarkable responsibility, advocacy, and care for the people of the Commonwealth. This bill is a significant breakthrough in the fight against widespread substance abuse, because it has reformed the process into one of treatment rather than just punishment.

Confronting the opioid epidemic has always been at the forefront of my efforts in public service. My first order of business when I became Town Council President was to create a Mental Health and Substance Abuse Committee for Weymouth, I did this because too many people are suffering in silence with mental illness and too many are losing their battle with substance abuse.

I also had the privilege of working with the Senate on the opioid bill last year. We were able to develop the

bill into a groundbreaking, comprehensive system that targets the source rather than simply punishing the outcome.

The Governor's Opioid Bill institutes a seven-day initial prescription limit, creates the option for partial prescription fills, and mandates verbal screenings and awareness education for schools. A very important feature of this bill is the waiver system, which protects those with severe conditions who truly need full access to painkillers.

Although we are getting much closer to the root of the problem, I would have liked to see the pharmaceutical companies take more responsibility for the excessive amount of opioids floating around our communities. I also would have liked to see the bill require hospitals to hold overdose patients in beds for a three-day detox period, but the implemented measures currently in place are enormous first steps in combating the opioid epidemic.

The safety and well-being of our communities is a nonpartisan issue that everyone can get behind and work together for. As your next State Senator I will continue to work with state and local leaders in our community to combat this epidemic that is indiscriminately killing a generation.

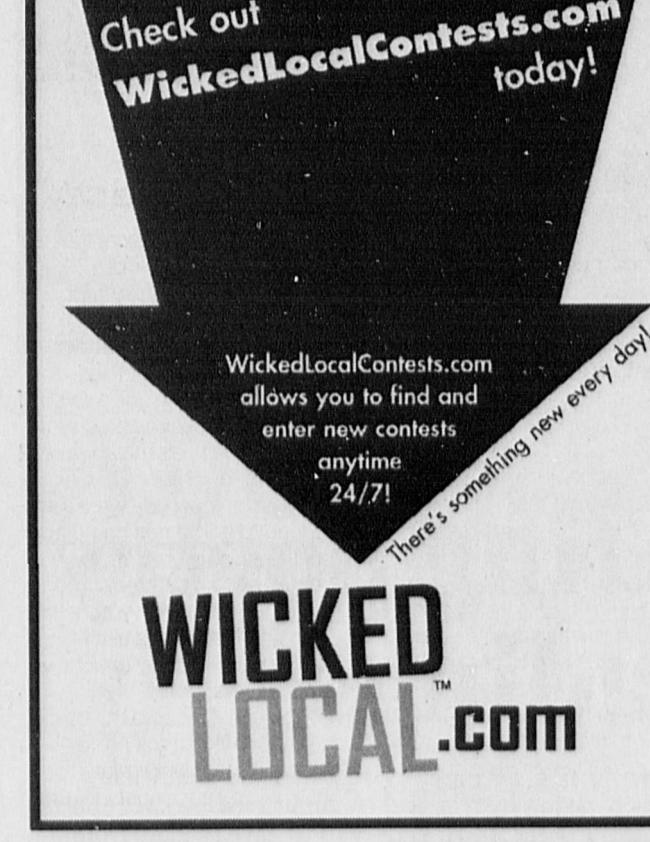
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Joan Meschino and supporters greet voters in Marshfield on Election Day. COURTESY PHOTOS



Joan Meschino supporters out campaigning April 12 in Hingham.



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#### PLAY IS A PRIORITY AT SUMMER CAMP:

Supporting Optimal Child Development Through Games, Giggles, and Groundbreaking Discoveries!

By Lucy Jackson Norwell, Director of Development & Communications American Camp Association, New England

There's never been more in the popular press about the value of play. Child development experts have always considered opportunities for play essential to optimal child development. And today's families and schools are facing a serious problem—time for play has been squeezed out of the schedule. The American Academy of Pediatrics and other child development researchers have emphasized the importance of play in the lives of developing children and there's renewed interest in ensuring that children's lives include enough play.

Children young and old learn through play. Playing develops essential life skills like cooperation, compromise, and teamwork. It encourages social-emotional learning. And playing prepares the developing brain for future challenges of all types—cognitive, social, emotional, and physical.

Summer camps provide unparalleled opportunities for play and at camp, play is a priority. In fact,

play, in a variety of forms, dominates the camp day. The fun experiential educational settings of day and overnight camp, where children learn by doing, are full of opportunities for both unstructured free play and play guided by adults. And these opportunities are woven around times of specific instruction and formal learning.

At camp, playing means moving—often in new and different ways! Whether it's a spontaneous game of tag, a unique camp specific game, a wide game involving a few hundred people, a traditional contest such as a baseball or soccer tournament, an intense gaga match, or a noncompetitive game that fosters group cooperation.

Playing at camp involves moving around a lot: running, climbing, swimming, jumping, stretching, and these are all forms of exercise that are not always part of children's non-camp lives.

Camp play encourages safe risk-taking by allowing campers to try

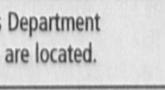
new things—things they may not have felt brave enough to try before, like zooming down the zip line, singing a solo in the talent show, or extending the hard of friendship to someone new. Camp experiences allow children to try new experiences and to "try on" new attributes and qualities.

Playing at summer camp doesn't only stretch children's muscles; it also encourages them to stretch themselves in all ways and to stretch in the direction of their goals! With the help of trained counselors, campers move beyond their comfort zones and push themselves to exceed their own goals. Campers grow into their own potential through play. Playing at camp also helps children learn teamwork. Campers build cooperation, compromise and conflict resolution skills. Through play, children have critically important experiences of leading and following, and of balancing the needs of the group with their own individual needs and wants.

The settings of summer camp throughout New England—whether nested among the lakes, forests, beaches, and mountains, or located in or near cities—invite, encourage and inspire play. Every child deserves the benefits a play-filled summer camp experience can provide!

The American Camp Association, New England—the region's hub for all things summer camp—supports camp experiences, educates camp professionals & staff, consults on camp best practices and advocates for camp quality.

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# LAUGHS FOR LEARNING

Cohasset Education Foundation hosted its annual spring gala Friday April 8.

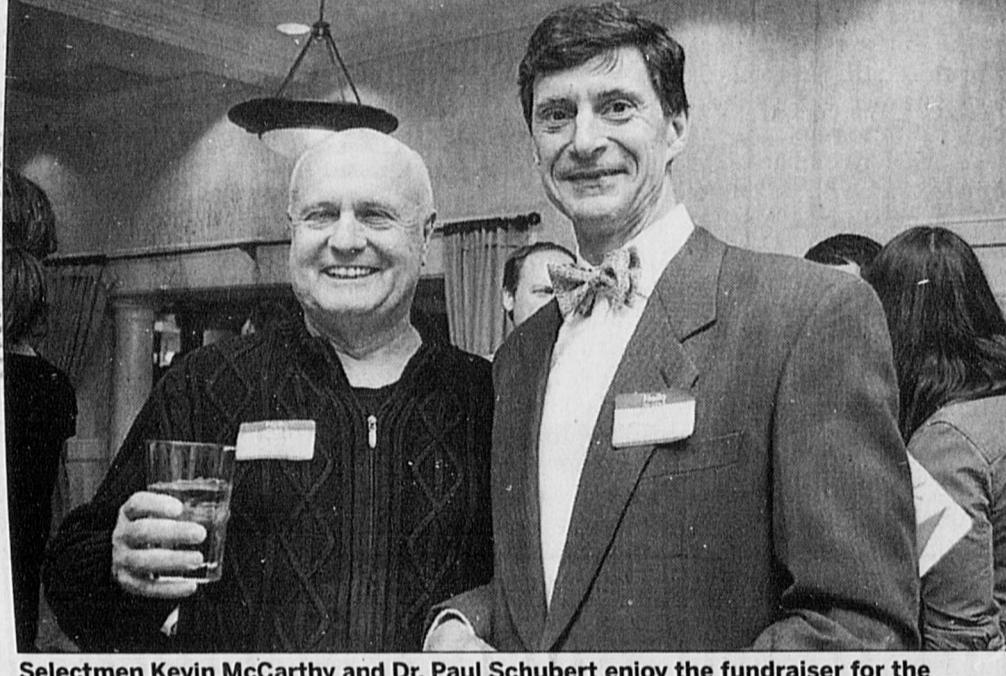
Comedian Jackie Flynn headlined the CEF's Laughs for Learning spring gala at the Cohasset Golf Club. Based in California and known for his work in comedy clubs and in films such as *Something*

about Mary and Mall Cop, Jackie returned to his home state of Massachusetts to entertain over 220 guests.

The reviews were as strong as the monies raised to support excellence in Cohasset Public Schools. Everyone enjoyed a rollicking good time!



CEF board member Caitlin Appleton and Patrice Smith at the gala.

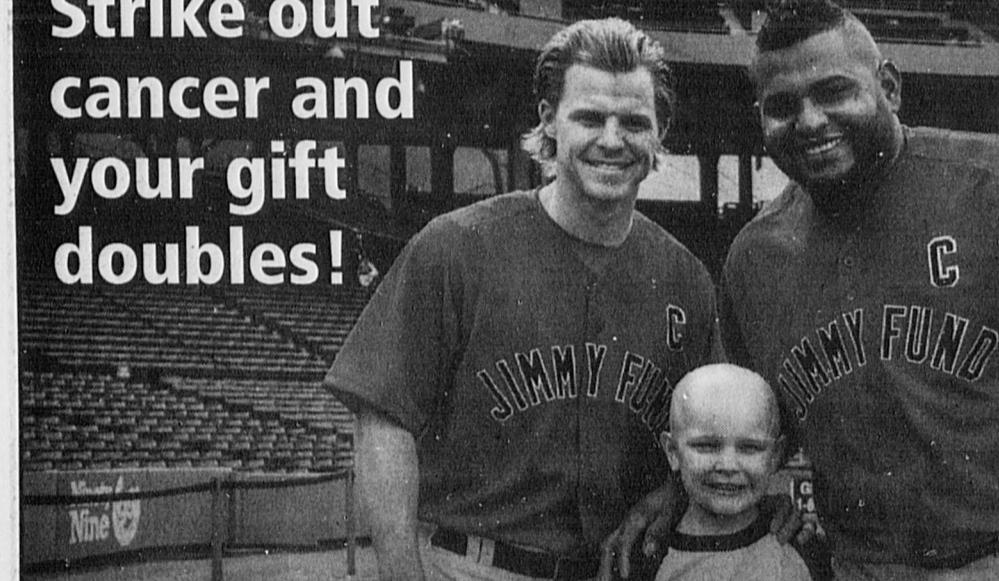


Selectmen Kevin McCarthy and Dr. Paul Schubert enjoy the fundraiser for the Cohasset Education Foundation.

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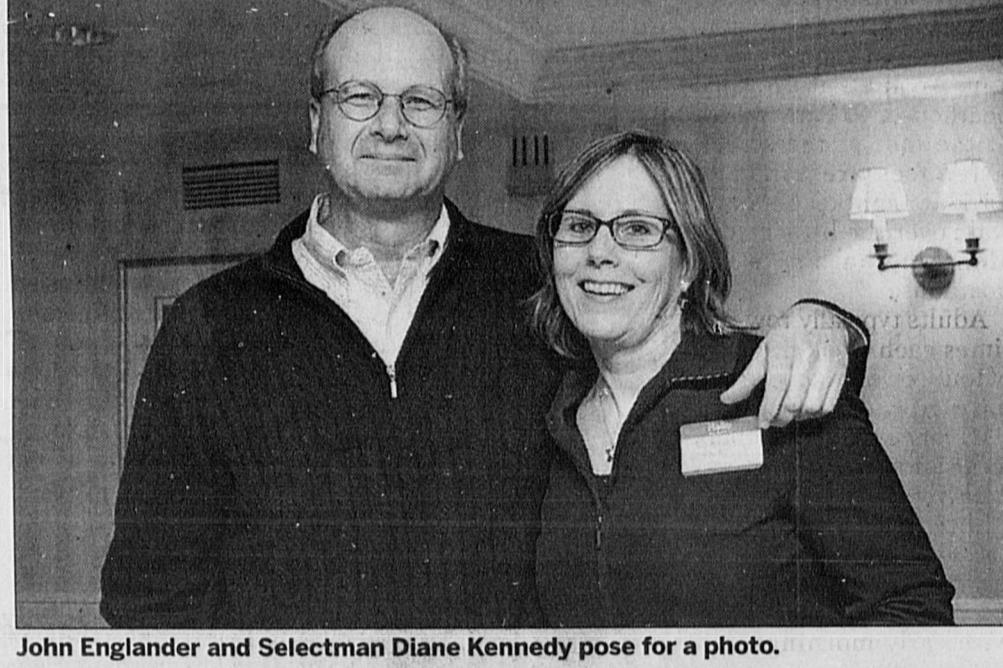
CEF hosts annual 'fun-raiser'



All smiles at the event are Town Manager Chris Senior, Selectman Diane Kennedy and School Committee Chairman Jeanne Astino.



Jack Keniley, Paul Ognibene and Supt. of Schools Barbara Caltado at the event.



John Englander and Selectman Diane Kennedy pose for a photo.



Ted Carr and Tanya Bodell at the Laughs for Learning event.

## AT LIBRARY

# Celebrating poetry with readings

Buckets of poems, one for anyone's pocket, even yours, will begin to appear around town this Sunday, heralding Cohasset's Poetry Month celebration. Readings by Boston's Poet Laureate Danielle Legros Georges and Lesley Professor and poet Annie Pluto (4 p.m. this Sunday, April 24) will be followed by readings on Wednesday at 6:30 pm by our home grown poets in grades six through ten.

In addition, UMass MFA candidates Elyria Smith and August Smith will read their work and address the question, Why Poetry? at the Wednesday evening reading. All events

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will be held at Cohasset's Paul Pratt Memorial Library.

Meanwhile, the walls of our town library have been adorned with poems, wonderful verse by Cohasset's sixth grade poets. Middle School English teacher Catherine Duggan reports, "They came out great, and will look awesome decorating the library."

For the Wednesday night reading she reports "We have readers from grades 6-10. The selected students seemed very excited! (They have submitted) poems on all different topics."

Space is limited as both events will be held in the library's Meeting Room.

*Sunday AuthorTalks* is sponsored by Dean and Hamilton Realtors, *A Taste for Wine and Spirits*, and the Goodale Insurance Company. For more information about the AuthorTalk series, call the library at 383-1348 or visit online: [cohassetlibrary.org](http://cohassetlibrary.org)

SAVE THE DATE

## 'Drug Story Theater' coming to CMHS

Residents are invited to a free presentation of "Drug Story Theater" at 6:30 p.m. May 5 in the Cohasset Middle and High School auditorium, 143 Pond St.

While Cohasset Middle and High School students will attend separate presentations of the show that day during assembly periods, the evening show is for adults and children age 10 and older. All three performances are made possible through funding by the Cohasset Education Foundation, with coordination by the Safe Harbor Coalition and the Cohasset Middle/High School administration and health education team.

"Drug Story Theater" was first performed in 2015 in Plymouth. The actors are all in recovery and are able to share their personal stories of how they got in and out of drugs. The concept is the brainchild of Dr. Joe Shrand, who realized that school assemblies about drug abuse presented by

adults to kids just weren't working.

"So the treatment of one prevents the addiction of many," said Shrand, a Marshfield resident and medical director of CASTLE (Clean And Sober Teens Living Empowered), a short-term treatment facility in Brockton. The presentation includes the stories of five teens and two parents and each have a story to share.

"Drug Story Theater" takes teenagers in the early stages of recovery from drugs and alcohol, teaches them improvisational theater and engages them in psychodrama, to explore their personal stories. The teens then create their own shows about the seduction of, addiction to, and recovery from drugs and alcohol. They weave their stories into a theatrical piece and perform for middle and high school audiences.

The program's approach to decreasing adolescent substance abuse capitalizes

on and integrates current knowledge of adolescent brain development into all stages of the program: from therapeutic group sessions, improvisational exercises and family involvement, to story development, script writing, rehearsing and culminating in performing the teen's own stories in front of live audiences. After each performance, teens participate in a Q&A period with the audience.

Since July 2014, Safe Harbor Cohasset has been working to promote awareness and implement resources to help make an impact on the substance abuse in the community. Co-founded by Christine Murphy and Marita Carpenter, who is also president of the South Shore Service League, the group has over 60 founding members from across the spectrum in the community, including town and school leaders, teachers, nurses, parents, clergy, police and fire

personnel, and concerned citizens.

Since then, the group has worked to foster a strong and inclusive community that encourages healthy, educated and responsible choices about drug and alcohol use. The mission is supported by evidenced-based, prevention-focused, sustainable policies and programs. To learn more, and to find resources for both parents and teens, visit the Safe Harbor website at [safeharborcohasset.org](http://safeharborcohasset.org).

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### OPEN HOUSE

## Adult rowing registration Saturday

Registration is open for seasonal summer adult rowing with Cohasset Maritime Institute, with rowing beginning on May 14.

For those who want to learn more about CMI, talk rowing, see the boathouse and meet other rowers, CMI is hosting an open house from 9 to 11 a.m. April 23 at the CMI boathouse, 40 Parker Ave., at the foot of the street. Attendees are asked to park at Lightkeepers and walk over the little bridge along the harbor to the boathouse.

Adults typically row two times each week in crews of four rowers. Some crews have rowed together in CMI for years, while others meet and form new crews each year. More than 120 adults rowers of all ages and abilities participated last year. CMI offers rowing every day except Friday, with early mornings and

evenings on weekdays, and weekend mornings.

Attendees who don't have rowing experience can join the Learn To Row program. This program has introduced 2,030 adults to sliding seat rowing, like collegiate rowing, each summer. It offers an introduction using rowing machines called

ergometers. Participants sign up for four sessions of rowing over eight days: May 14-25. The fee for this program is \$85, which can be applied to the full season fee of \$385.

Neither personal equipment nor prior rowing experience is required. CMI also offers a four season program for youth

rowers. Registration for youth entering seventh grade and up will open in early May.

To register, visit [rowcmi.com](http://rowcmi.com). For information, visit the CMI website, search "Cohasset Maritime Institute" on Facebook, or email [row.cmi@comcast.net](mailto:row.cmi@comcast.net).

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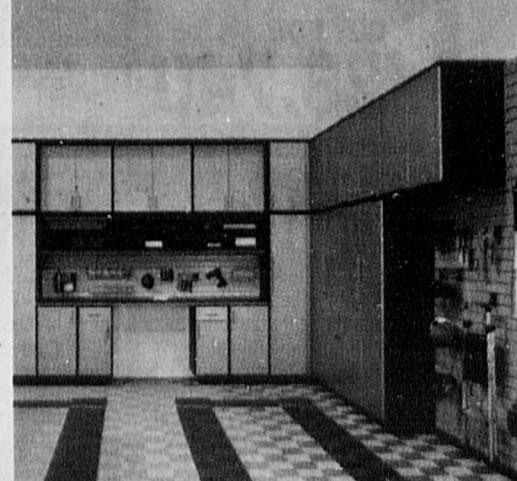
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## HOW WE HELPED

# Great music, coffee, and fun

By Carol Britton Meyer  
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*This is another in our occasional series "How We Helped" featuring staff members volunteering with a non-profit organization, agency or activity in the South Shore community. This week staff reporter Carol Britton Meyer pitched in at the Coffeehouse off the Square.*

Volunteering at the Old Ship Coffeehouse off the Square in downtown Hingham is fun — and all for a good cause!

I started volunteering at the coffeehouse in 2002 and have served on the booking committee, helped set up for performances, distributed flyers to local businesses, emceed, assisted with publicity, and other tasks. It's great fun — and free admission for volunteers!

In operation since the early 1980s, the coffeehouse was originally staged in the nearby First Baptist Church hall and later moved to the Old Ship Parish House fellowship hall at 107 Main St., the current venue.

The non-profit coffeehouse was founded by then-Hingham resident and Old Shipper Sue Kruegger to present folk music and to raise funds for Central American relief at that time through the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee. Net proceeds continue to benefit various activities of the Committee, which supports national and international work for peace and justice.

"Volunteers play a huge role," said coffeehouse coordinator James R. Watson, who is himself a volunteer.



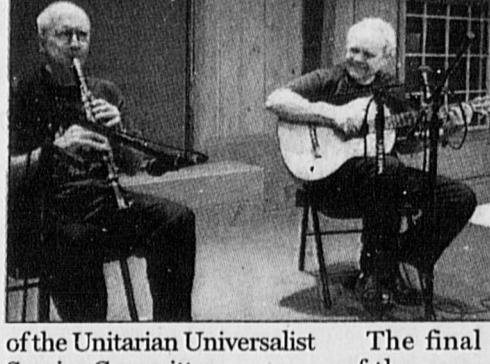
Volunteering in the kitchen at Coffeehouse off the Square on Saturday night were from left, Ruth Bennett, Bob Moran, Julie Hong, and Carol Shuler.

"They do everything, from booking performers and posting flyers to setting up the stage and working in the kitchen." Volunteers also emcee events, create publicity flyers, sell tickets, and operate the sound system.

"The audience is diverse, depending on the performer. Some come to relive the '60s folk music boom, others for a chance to hear some new music in a relaxed, alcohol-free setting," Watson said. "The audience is appreciative of good music, whether listening quietly in the congenial atmosphere or occasionally clapping, dancing, or singing along when it feels right."

Music varies from traditional folk and American roots to light jazz and some blues to contemporary singer-songwriter material and Irish music around Saint Patrick's Day.

Rev. Ken Read-Brown said Old Ship "is delighted that we have been hosting the Coffeehouse Off the Square for something like '30 years. We love offering great folk and acoustic music to the community each month, and we are also very pleased to be able to support the raising of funds through the coffeehouse for the human rights programs



of the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee.

"None of this would happen without a dedicated core of volunteers from the church and the wider community, including from the ranks of the Hingham Journal!" Read-Brown said. "It is all about the volunteers — making possible good music and good works around the world."

The April 16 coffeehouse featured local jazz duo Guy Van Duser (of neighboring Hull) and Billy Novick. Other performers this season included Southern Rail (bluegrass and gospel); soulful singer-songwriter Greg Greenway; the lively Kennedys; Katie McDonnell's Irish Cross County Band featuring Martin Butler on bodhran; and local performer Dillon Bustin, who performed his celebrated Joshua Slocum song cycle.

The final performance of the season is Saturday, May 21, featuring compelling singer-songwriter and humanitarian Kristen Graves. Admission is \$15 at the door. Beverages and desserts are available. The season runs from September to May.

Most performances start with an open mike, which draws many seasoned and new performers of all ages. "This gives them a chance to perform and for us to hear them, sometimes leading to bookings," Watson said.

Performances take place in the parish hall across from Old Ship Church at 107 Main Street. To volunteer call Jim Watson at (781) 749-1767. Remember, free admission for volunteers!

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This year marks the 15th year that the CDTC has had fund raisers for scholarship. Last spring's trivia night, which was a great success, was a first for the CDTC which has typically raised scholarship funds by running a yearly yard sale. This scholarship is available to any qualified student residing in Cohasset. The 2015 recipient of the Joseph P Walsh Scholarship was Cohasset High School student, Emily Curran. Please come join the fun for a worthy cause.

For more information and tickets please call John Chapman at 781-383-1565.

## SAVE THE DATE

## Trivia night benefits Walsh scholarship

Show your smarts for a Cohasset student scholarship fund raiser for the Joseph F. Walsh III Memorial Scholarship sponsored by the Cohasset Democratic Town Committee.

This evening of fun and conviviality will be led by trivia maven and Cohasset resident Charlotte Reel as quiz master. Create your own team or join a team at the American Legion, George Mealy Post #118, 98 Summer St. at 7 p.m., Saturday, April 30th. Scholarship contribution of \$20 is requested. There will be a cash bar and bar snacks available.

## SAVE THE DATE

## Straits Pond cleanup rain or shine April 30

The Straits Pond Watershed Association (SPWA) needs volunteers for the annual spring cleanup on Saturday, April 30th from 10 a.m. to noon starting at Wadleigh Park, located at the intersection of Forest Avenue and Jerusalem Road across from Cohasset's Black Rock Beach.

Volunteers will clear winter storm debris from along the shorelines of Black Rock Beach, Straits Pond and the Weir River Estuary, which feeds into the pond. Trash

bags, a dump truck and dumpster will be provided. Work gloves, long pants and long sleeves are strongly suggested.

Following the cleanup, volunteers will enjoy a complimentary picnic, including Nona's ice cream at noon at the playground on Atlantic Ave. in Hull, across from the pond.

For more information about the cleanup or to learn more about the Straits Pond Watershed Association, visit www.straitspond.org

## DON'T MISS THIS

## New courses at Swim Center

The Cohasset Swim Center is now accepting registration for memberships and advanced training courses.

Red Cross Swim Lesson registration is available now and will be until June 15. Swim lessons will be offered in four two-week sessions: session I: June 27 - July 8; session II: July 11 - 22; session III: July 25 - August 5; and session IV: August 8 - 19.

Walk-in registration for swim lessons will be available at the front desk on weekends. Once the CSC opens full time

for the season, members and nonmembers can sign up anytime at the front desk for any one of the four, two-week sessions. Classes are first-come, first-served.

Lifeguard certification training will be held June 22 - 24 and the water safety instructor course will be held June 25 - 27. For lifeguards needing to renew their certification, CSC is also offering the updated Lifeguard Recertification with CPR/AED on June 19. For more details and to register, visit cohassetswimcenter.com.

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## DISHING IT OUT

# The Range Bar & Grille teeing off in Hingham

Meet owner  
Will O'Connell

By Carol Britton Meyer  
cmeier@wickedlocal.com

**Type of food:** Contemporary American cuisine with a lively, upscale sports-enthusiast flare.

**Your name and position:** Will O'Connell, co-owner alongside Jim Bristol.

**How long has The Range been open?** A year-long in the making. The Range Bar & Grille opens next week, and we could not be more excited! After teaming up with Jim Bristol and The Weathervane Golf Academy earlier this year, we began construction on The Range, a 7,000-square-foot restaurant space with an outdoor patio, indoor golf simulators and a 97-bay outdoor public driving range.

**Do you have any other affiliated restaurants?** I am the operator of two oceanfront restaurant and bar establishments, The Chantey at Marina Bay and Waterclub, both located in Quincy's own Marina Bay. Both have proven to be local hot spots for seaside fare, dancing, and year-round functions. In addition to my time spent working near the water, I am also the Senior Vice President of Granite Links Golf Course and Tavern Restaurant located in Quincy, voted as one of the "100 Greatest Public Golf Courses in America" by "Golf Digest." Besides the amazing golf, Granite Links' award winning ballroom, Tavern Restaurant, and recently expanded Crossing Nines Patio & Bar attract golfers and non-golfers alike, making this a go-to destination year-round.



The Range Bar & Grille.



The Dirty Birdie is a signature cocktail served at The Range Bar & Grille.

**Favorite dish on the menu:** My favorite dish on the menu is definitely our \$25 Filet Mignon that is served with porcini mushroom butter, garlic and blue cheese whipped potatoes, and our seasonal chef's vegetable. When I am watching the Pats game on Sundays with friends and family, my favorite appetizer is the buffalo chicken bread bowl, coupled with a nice frosty beer.

**Favorite drink:** My favorite cocktail on our menu is "The Purple Heart," named in honor of my father, who served in the Vietnam War and received a Purple Heart. Aside from the sentimental aspect, the drink is delicious.

**The Purple Heart:** Jack Daniel's Honey, muddled lemons topped with ginger ale.

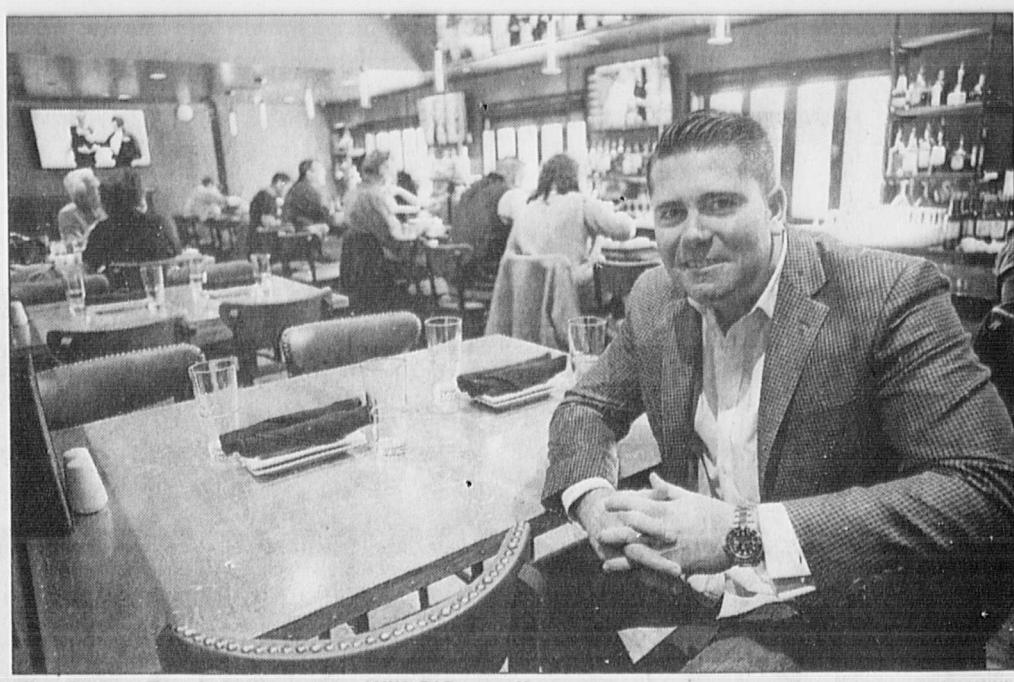
**What's on tap here?** The Range Bar & Grille will be teeing up 12 carefully selected draft beers, one of which is brewed right here in Hingham, Entitled IPA from Entitled Brewery. It was important for us to not only appeal to the local community but also to offer our guests more than just an average lineup. All draft beer will be served in our specialty 16 oz. Draft Golf Ball Glass.

**How would you describe your wine and cocktail lists?** We put an enormous amount of thought and

effort into the cocktail menu creation process, hand-crafting each cocktail and martini, ultimately producing the novel and delicious drinks that you will see on the menu today. The focus was to create drinks with dimension, while blending together flavors that complement one another. We will be updating the cocktail menu throughout the year, to keep it relevant, appropriate, and delicious as the seasons change.

In addition to our cocktail menu, the wine list features top-quality wines at prices that are unmatched. It was important for us to not cut back on the quality or quantity of wines in an effort to match the level of customer service and culinary expertise that our guests will experience when they visit The Range.

**The best thing about opening a restaurant at this location:** I am privileged to form a partnership with Jim Bristol and am able to offer a top-notch dining experience at The Weathervane Golf Academy. Hingham is a town that is full of opportunity and already known for great dining, but this location also



The Range Bar & Grille owner Will O'Connell. WICKED LOCAL STAFF PHOTOS / CHRIS BERNSTEIN



The Range Bar & Grille features an expansive bar.



Pan seared scallops are a favorite at The Range Bar & Grille.

allows me to serve other surrounding communities in the South Shore. This high standard pushed us to create and deliver something special and unique for sports enthusiast, families, and business professionals alike, which is what The Range embodies. Opening this restaurant is just the beginning, as there is so much room to grow as a 125-seat dining establishment, with plans for our seasonal outdoor patio and fire-pits, and as a golfer's destination, with plans to update and embellish the driving range offerings in the future months as well.

The opportunities are endless, and they are what motivate us!

**What makes The Range Bar & Grille stand apart from other fine dining options in the area?** The Range Bar & Grille serves as the perfect spot for a first date, an anniversary dinner, a night out with your family, a place to host a business dinner/lunch or to meet up with friends to watch the game. We have created something special, in that it is an environment that caters to such a wide range of occasions and ages. We are able to offer

this without compromising the tasteful, elegant, and upscale ambiance that offers delicious cuisine, fresh cocktails, and an elegant seasonal outdoor patio. We are looking forward to sharing all of this with our guests, while providing an exceptional dining, eating and playing experience!

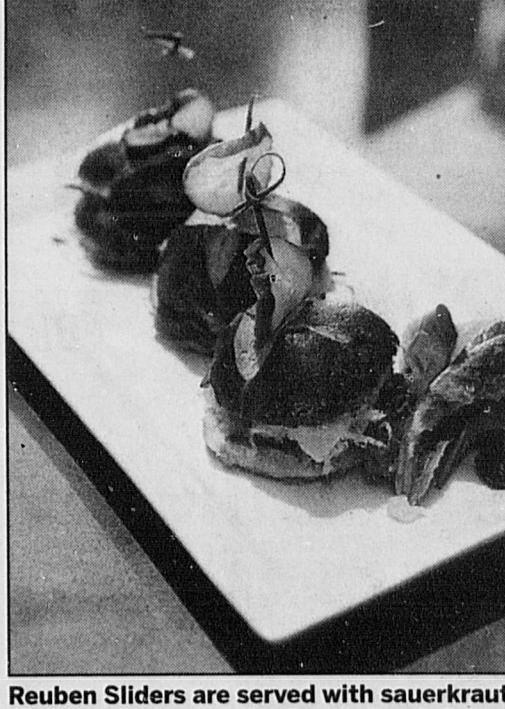
**About The Range:** The Range Bar & Grille located at 306 Whiting St., Hingham is open Sunday through Wednesday, 11 a.m. to 12 a.m. and Thursday through Saturday, 11 a.m. - 1 a.m. Phone: (617)

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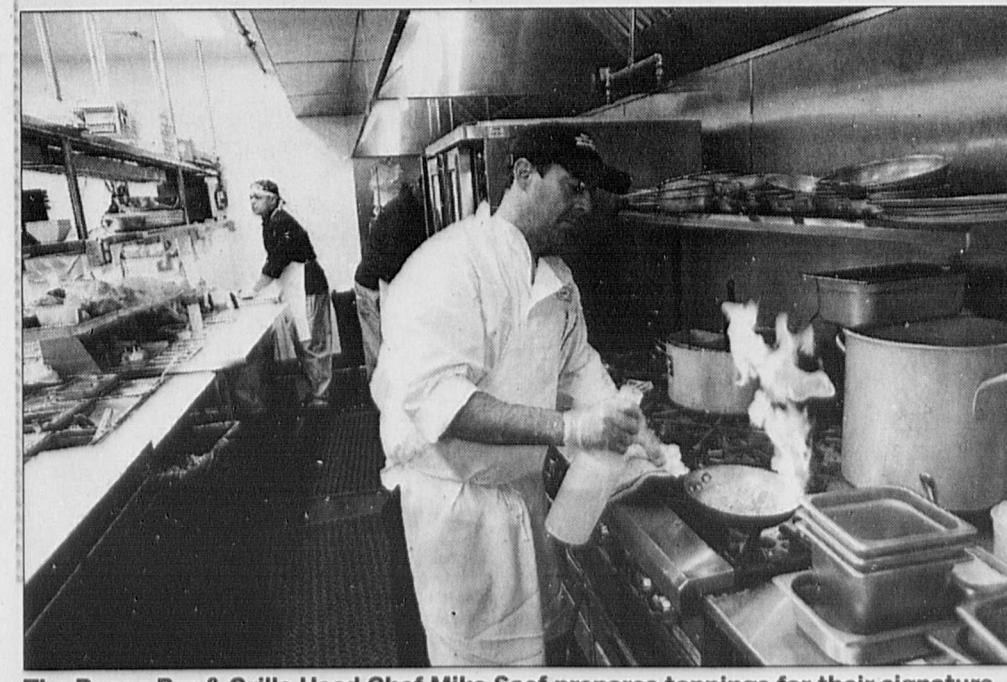
Barbecue Pulled Pork Tacos are a big hit at The Range Bar & Grille.



Reuben Sliders are served with sauerkraut on a pretzel bun at The Range Bar & Grille.



The spacious dining and lounge area at The Range Bar & Grille.



The Range Bar & Grille Head Chef Mike Saef prepares toppings for their signature Scampi Pizza.



The generous Bruschetta appetizer featured at The Range Bar & Grille.



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## COHASSET POLICE/FIRE LOG



**TRAFFIC SAFETY TIP OF THE WEEK:** Be careful putting objects in the passenger area of your car. In the event of a crash or even a sudden stop, they can become a projectile and cause injuries to you or a passenger. Even smaller objects can cause serious injuries to children. It's always safer to store them in the trunk, in the case of a minivan or SUV, in the well behind the back seat. COURTESY PHOTO

The following are excerpts from the Cohasset police log which is public record and available for review.

## Monday, April 11

**11:48 a.m.:** A burglary alarm was reported on Surry Drive. The sunroom door alarm was activated. Units checked and cleared the area.

**2:43 p.m.:** A two-vehicle motor vehicle accident was reported at Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond Street. Sedan was reported to have front-end damage.

## Tuesday, April 12

**6:47 a.m.:** Officer conducting traffic enforcement on Forest Avenue.

**12:50 p.m.:** Caller from Bancroft Road reports black wire, just hanging after last week's storm. Unsure if they should throw it or touch it, request fire dept. take a look.

**7:47 p.m.:** An animal complaint was reported at North Main Street and Ripley Road. A caller reported a large, dead raccoon in the roadway. Caller reported it to be a traffic hazard and needed to be removed. Services were rendered.

## Wednesday, April 13

**3:09 a.m.:** A caller reported the 12th window from the CMHS gym's door has a tear in the screen on Pond Street. Nothing was reported out of place and no footprints were found. The window behind the screen was reported to be secure. Services were rendered.

**8:21 a.m.:** A noise complaint was reported on North Main Street. Caller reported a business running chainsaws starting at 7:30 a.m. Services were rendered.

**12:55 p.m.:** Caller reported smoke in the area of Joy Place. Units report smoke coming from the cemetery. Subject had a permit for the fire.

**12:55 p.m.:** Officer on traffic patrol on Hull Street.

**1:33 p.m.:** A walk-in to the police station lobby reported a sign taken from her property.

**1:56 p.m.:** Cohasset K-9 en route to Martha's Lane, Scituate, to help find for missing party.

**3:59 p.m.:** Vandalism was reported on Heather Drive. Caller reported her mailbox being vandalized.

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## OBITUARIES

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## Eileen Pratt

COHASSET — Eileen (Andrews) Pratt, age 90, of Cohasset, passed away on April 14, 2016.

Eileen was a devoted and loving wife to the late Edwin H. Pratt for 70 years. Survived by her sister Edvia Yocom of Cohasset. Beloved mother of Glenn Pratt and his wife Linda of Cohasset, Sheralyn Craig and her late husband James of Maryland and the late Dr. Vaughan Pratt and his wife Dolly of Manila, Philippines. She was the loving Grammie to seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Eileen was a life-long resident of Cohasset and was an

employee in the executive office of Hingham Savings Bank for many years before retiring in 1980. During World War II, Eileen worked in purchasing at the Quincy Shipyard, Bethlehem Steel.

A private family burial will be held at Woodside Cemetery and a memorial service will be scheduled at a later date.

Donations in Eileen's memory can be sent to the New England Wildlife Center, Dr. Vaughan Pratt Memorial Fund, 500 Columbian Street, South Weymouth, MA 02190.

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## Edwin H. Pratt

COHASSET — Edwin H. Pratt, age 92, of Cohasset, passed away on April 7, 2016.

Eddie was a devoted and loving husband to Eileen (Andrews) for 70 years; beloved father of Glenn Pratt and his wife Linda of Cohasset, Sheralyn Craig and her late husband James of Maryland and the late Dr. Vaughan Pratt and his wife Dolly of Manila, Philippines.

Eddie was a wonderful and loving Grampie to seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Eddie was a lifelong resident of Cohasset and an employee of the Cohasset Water Department for 23 years.

As superintendent of the Cohasset Water Department, he oversaw the planning, development and construction

of the Cohasset Aaron River reservoir and the Lily Pond water treatment facility in the late 1970s.

Eddie was a proud veteran of World War II, having served in the South Pacific Theater with the 594th Army Amphibious Engineers.

A private family burial will be held at Woodside Cemetery and a memorial service will be scheduled at a later date.

Donations in Eddie's memory can be sent to the New England Wildlife Center, Dr. Vaughan Pratt Memorial Fund, 500 Columbian Street, South Weymouth, MA 02190.

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## Jane Dolph

PLYMOUTH — Jane (Bacigalupo) Dolph, age 70, of Plymouth, passed away on April 15th 2016 after a long battle with cancer. She is the wife of the late Edward Dolph.

Born in Cohasset, MA, she is the daughter of the late Ruth and Frederick Bacigalupo of Cohasset. Jane is a graduate of Cohasset High School and Katherine Gibbs School of Boston. Upon graduation from Katherine Gibbs, she joined the Peace Corps, serving 3 years at their training school in St. Croix, USVI, and 3 additional years on assignment in Ethiopia. Jane was Orthopedics Resident Education Coordinator at Tufts Medical Center in Boston for many years before retirement in 2012.

She leaves behind 2 sons,

Cyrus Dolph of Plymouth and Sam Dolph of Boston, and one cherished grandson, Cyrus A. Dolph. Additionally she leaves behind 2 sisters, Mary Muncey of Cohasset and Susan Cabaniol of Adams, MA, and 1 brother, William Bacigalupo of Marshfield.

A Graveside service will be held Friday, April 22nd at 2:00 p.m. at Woodside Cemetery, Cohasset with a reception to follow.

In lieu of flowers, donations to honor Jane may be made to the St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN, 38105. For an online guest book, please visit [www.mcnamara-sparrell.com](http://www.mcnamara-sparrell.com).

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## Kathleen McKeon

COHASSET — Kathleen Ann (Kathy) McKeon of West Springfield passed away Thursday, April 14th peacefully at the Sunrise Senior Living Home in Cohasset MA.

Kathy and William (Bill) McKeon were married in 1958 and raised a family together in Norwalk, CT before retiring to West Springfield and Fort Myers, FL.

Kathy was born in Chicopee, MA in 1933, the daughter of Michael and Catherine Moriarty. She was the youngest of four siblings, Thomas Moriarty, Mary (Moriarty) Hogan and Lillian (Moriarty) Pyne all of whom are predeceased. Kathy pursued a career as a radiology technician before marrying and starting a family. Later in life, she worked for the Navy in Newport, RI and at the Westover Air Force base. Kathy was a loving wife and mother who was devoted to her extended family. She loved golf and was an active member of Pautipaug Country Club in Connecticut and Springfield Country Club. Kathy found friends everywhere. Her warmth and comradery transcended generations as a confidant to her brother and sisters, neighbors and coworkers, nieces and nephews, and grandkids. She was forever Irish with a gift of gab and reverence for superstitions: pennies found were always good luck if properly put in your shoe. She was ready with offers to make you

a cup of coffee in the morning, requests to join her for a glass of wine in the evening, and time to talk and laugh if you said yes. Her smiles, winks, and caring heart will be dearly missed.

She is survived by her loving family of four sons, their wives and 8 grandchildren - Sean and Judy McKeon of Birmingham, MI with their son Matt, Brian and Lori McKeon with their children Brigid and Thomas of Chicago, IL and Jim and Claudia McKeon with their children Ryan and Katie of Cohasset, MA. She also leaves many nieces, nephews who will remember "Auntie Kate" fondly and close friends who will miss her dearly.

The McKeon family would like to thank all the caregivers and nurses at Sunrise Cohasset for their extraordinary and loving care.

The funeral will be held at the West Springfield Curran-Jones Funeral Home Saturday, April 23rd at 10am with Liturgy in St. Thomas the Apostle Church at 11am. A spring burial will take place in St. Mary's Cemetery in Beverly, MA. Visiting hours will be held Friday, April 22nd from 4 to 7pm. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that any memorial gifts be sent to the Alzheimer Association, P.O. Box 96011, Washington, DC 20090-6011 or online at [www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org).

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# CALENDAR

## Magical Moon benefit set for April 23 in Duxbury

**WHEN:** 5-8 p.m., Saturday, April 23  
**WHAT:** Magical Moon Foundation will present a benefit fundraiser in Duxbury.  
**INFO:** "Art on the Point" at 326 Powder Point Ave., Duxbury, presented by Magical Moon Foundation, a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting families and children living with cancer. The evening features live music, oysters and hors d'oeuvres and a collection of original artwork from more than 25 award-winning local artists. Tickets are \$25 per person. Tickets are \$25 per person.



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**FOR INFORMATION:** [magicalmoon.org](http://magicalmoon.org).

## CALENDAR

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## Friday, April 22

**"AN AWFULLY BIG ADVENTURE":** April 22-24 and 28-30, at Bridgewater State University, in the Rondileau Campus Center. Directed and conceived by Dr. Colleen Rua, it is an immersive theater experience following the lives of J.M. Barrie, the Davies family and the familiar cast of Neverland characters, based on the novel "Peter Pan" by Barrie as well as historical records of Barrie's life. Tickets can be purchased at the door or online. Call or visit site for show times. For information: 508-531-1321, [bsuAdventure16@brown-paperticket.com](mailto:bsuAdventure16@brown-paperticket.com) or [arts.bridgew.edu](http://arts.bridgew.edu).

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**CHURCH HILL COFFEE-HOUSE:** 7:30 to 9 p.m., Church Hill United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, 11 Church St., Norwell. Tonight's performer: Mike Dardis. The Church Hill Coffeehouse is a monthly event featuring local entertainers. Desserts and coffee available. The event is held in the Fellowship Center of the Church. For information: 781-826-4763, [chumcnorwell.com](http://chumcnorwell.com).

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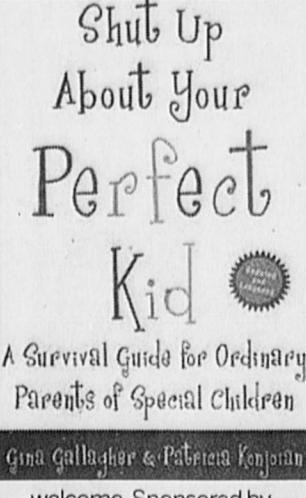
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## Authors talk April 27 at Braintree Town Hall

**WHEN:** 7 p.m., Wednesday, April 27

**WHAT:** Gina Gallager and Patricia Terrasi will discuss their book at Braintree Town Hall.

**INFO:** Sisters Gina Gallager and Patricia Terrasi will speak at Braintree Town Hall, 1 John F. Kennedy Memorial Drive, Braintree, about the frustrations, stigmas, joys and challenges they face as parents of children with disabilities (one with Asperger's syndrome and other with bipolar disorder). Based on their book, "Shut Up About Your Perfect Kid: A Survival Guide for Ordinary Parents of Special Children." Free; donations welcome. Sponsored by NAMI South Shore Affiliate.



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## Michael Weymouth author talk April 23

**WHEN:** 3-5 p.m., Saturday, April 23

**WHAT:** Author talk by Michael Weymouth at South Street Gallery.

**INFO:** Michael Weymouth, a Hingham photographer and painter, will talk about his books, poetry, photography and art at South Street Gallery, 149 South St., Hingham. Weymouth has captured his experience in the Maine woods in photos and poetry in a recently published book, "The Gentle Whisper of Living Things," and is



now working on a new book about his love of the controlled accidents that occur when pigment meets paper and canvas, and the poetry expressed therein.

**FOR INFORMATION:** 781-749-0430, [www.south-streetgallery.com](http://www.south-streetgallery.com).

**SHOW OPENING:** 7:30 p.m., Deer Hill School, 208 Sohier St., Cohasset. "Favorites 2016" represents the artwork of all Deer Hill students. Each student has chosen his/her favorite artwork of the year to be included in this exhibit. There will be refreshments and music. All are invited to attend. Admission is free. Show will run until May 19. For information: 781-383-6115.

**AUTHOR TALK:** 7 p.m., Kingston Council on Aging, 30 Evergreen St., Kingston.

Robert Knox, a correspondent for the Boston Globe, will discuss his novel, "Suoso's Lane," based on the early 20th century trial of Italian immigrants Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti. Vanzetti lived for five years at Suoso's Lane in Plymouth. Light refreshments will be offered. Program is free but reservations are requested. For information: 781-585-0517, ext. 112, [www.kingstonpubliclibrary.org](http://www.kingstonpubliclibrary.org).

**STEPHEN TODESCO WITH THE WILLIE J. LAWS BAND:** 8 p.m., Next Page Cafe, 550 Broad St., Weymouth. Followed by open mic with Willie J. Laws. Jammers invited and welcome. Free pizza. For information: 781-340-1300, [thenextpage-cafe.com](http://thenextpage-cafe.com).

**SOCIAL SECURITY INFORMATION:** 7:45 p.m., Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington St., Braintree. Financial Planners John Noonan, CFP, and Christopher Hanson, CPA, will conduct an educational workshop on Social Security benefits. Fundamental topics covered are benefits calculation, maximization and taxation. Additional discussions include government pension penalties, when to begin benefits, and new rules for 2016. Attendance is free and questions will be taken. Please bring materials to take notes with. As space is limited, attendees must RSVP John at [jnoonan@oaktreeccp.com](mailto:jnoonan@oaktreeccp.com).

## Sunday, April 24

**SOUTH SHORE ON WATER BOAT SHOW:** 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Hingham Shipyard. Hull Lifesaving Museum will have a tent at the show. Free admission, activities for kids. For information: 781-925-5433, [www.hulllifesavingmuseum.org](http://www.hulllifesavingmuseum.org).

**"THE PSYCHIC":** 2 p.m., North River Theater, 513 River St., Norwell. The Mystery Writers Edgar Award winning Best Play, written by Sam Bobrick. Directed by Jeff Gill. Tickets \$20. Cabaret-style seating, cash bar. For information: 781-826-4878, [www.northrivertheater.org](http://www.northrivertheater.org).

## Monday, April 25

**OPIOID OVERDOSE PREVENTION EDUCATION CLASS:** 6:30-8:30 p.m., Pembroke Public Library, 142 Center St., Pembroke.

Free. Presented by the COPE Center and Pembroke Titans Against Drugs. For information: 508-583-3405, [bamsi.org](http://bamsi.org).

**AUTHOR PRESENTATION:** 7 p.m., Braintree Town Hall, 1 John F. Kennedy Memorial Drive, Braintree. Sisters Gina Gallager and Patricia Terrasi will speak about the frustrations, stigmas, joys and challenges they face as parents of children with disabilities (one with Asperger's syndrome and other with bipolar disorder).

Based on their book, "Shut Up About Your Perfect Kid: A Survival Guide for Ordinary Parents of Special Children."

Free; donations welcome. For information: [namisouthshore@gmail.com](mailto:namisouthshore@gmail.com).

**Y'ISE GARDENERS PROGRAM:** 7:30 p.m., at the Ventress Library, 15 Library Plaza, Marshfield.

Mike Paduch of Crystal Lake Nursery in Carver will present a talk on "Pollinators and Plants for Fragrance."

He will be illustrating his lecture with plants from his nursery in Carver, which is well known in the area for stocking beautiful and unique plants. There will be time after the talk for a Q & A period, and he will provide lots of plants for sale. For information: 781-834-5535, [www.ventresslibrary.org](http://www.ventresslibrary.org).

**MIKE GARVEY BAND:** 8 p.m., Next Page Cafe, 550 Broad St., Weymouth. For information: 781-340-1300, [thenextpage-cafe.com](http://thenextpage-cafe.com).

**COMEDY NIGHT:** 9 p.m., Quan's Kitchen, 871 Washington St., Hanover.

Featuring Tom Gilmore, Annette, James Corbett and Steve Halligan. Hosted by Jerry Thornton. Arrive early (call first for reservation) for meal or appetizers. Show (cash only) \$20 cover charge. Call 781-826-8868.

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